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Ledger's last role

Canadian docs discover ovulation gene

HEALTH Montreal researchers have discovered the gene that controls ovulation, opening the door to potential new contraceptives and infertility treatments.

"It's another target for contraception clearly, said Dr. Bruce Murphy, a co-author of the paper, which appears this week in the journal Genes and Development.

And a failure to ovulate is the major cause of female infertility, so tweaking the Lrh1 gene with new pharmaceutical compounds could allow infertile women to get pregnant.

"This gene looks like a master gene, which controls many different (ovulation) processes," said Murphy, director of the University of Montreal's Animal Reproduction Research Centre.

Expressed most strongly in the follicle cells that surround an egg in the ovaries, the Lrh1 gene presents an inviting target for contraceptive drugs that would prevent ovulation.

The gene's controlling role in ovulation was discovered using mice, which had its function turned off or "knocked out" within the egg-cradling follicle cells.

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Aishwarya **Unforgettable**

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Aishwarya Rai Bachchan attends a press conference yesterday at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Toronto to promote the stage show Unforgettable tonight at the Rogers Centre. Rai Bachchan, 34, is considered the reigning queen of Bollywood and has been called the most beautiful woman in the world.

Toronto's streets are the safest

GTA residents report fewer crimes per capita: Report

Greater Toronto is the safest metropolitan area in the country, according to a report released yesterday by Statistics Canada.

Among urban areas with a population of 500,000 or more, Toronto residents reported fewer crimes per capita than residents of Montreal, Vancouver and Ottawa. Winnipeg had the highest crime rate, followed by Edmonton.

It is the first time Toronto has scored last place when it comes to crime in the country's biggest cities. That spot is usually reserved for Quebec City, which reported the lowest crime rate of any large metropolitan area every year from 1991 to 2006. In 2007, however, Quebec City reported 4,524 crimes per 100,000 people, compared to Toronto's figure of 4,461.

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Police Chief Bill Blair

The annual national crime report is compiled by the Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics, based on police-reported crime statistics.

It contradicts what seems to be a growing public perception that Toronto is rife with random violence.

"Unfortunately, people's perceptions are often created around a single incident or a series of incidents over a short period of time," police Chief Bill Blair said yesterday. "That can create an impression that this is not a safe city."

The Statistics Canada figures show all Criminal Code offences in Toronto Census Metropolitan Area were down 11 per cent in 2007.

The murder rate in Toronto CMA in 2007 was 2.0 per 100,000, which was middle of the pack for the country's nine largest CMAs. Winnipeg's rate was the highest at 3.6. But in 2007, Toronto had the highest number of homicides of any CMA — 111 — and its highest rate since 1992.

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Canadians to have more work mobility

PACT Canadian workers will have greater freedom to take their skills to different provinces under a long-delayed pact reached by the premiers.

Under the agreement, the credentials of workers in virtually all fields should be recognized in every province and territory by April 1, thanks to co-operation with scores of professional associations.

Even as Ontario continues to shed manufacturing jobs due to soaring energy costs and the U.S. economic slowdown, Premier Dalton McGuinty touted a labour mobility accord reached yesterday as a boon for his province.

Help

The new arrangement should also help foreign-trained workers, who will only need one provincial certification upon arrival.

"The more we can do together as Canadians to ensure that our country is more competitive the better," said McGuinty, insisting he wasn't concerned about a further drain of skilled workers to booming Western Canada. He said Ontario has 100,000 jobs it can't fill, many of which require skilled people.

"Given the price of housing in Alberta and the price of housing in Ontario, I think we've become very competitive all of sudden."

In future, there will be a presumption of automatic recognition of accreditation from other provinces, unless there are complicating local factors, like language, or public safety concerns.

A senior Ontario official offered an example: Pharmacists in Alberta are authorized to administer certain drugs and renew prescriptions, but their Ontario counterparts are not, so a separate agreement will have to be reached on what Ontario pharmacists would have to do to earn certification in Alberta.

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Dalton McGuinty

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Child porn charges laid
Police have charged a 42-year-old man after discovering child pornography online. A probe was launched when an undercover officer found a man distributing child abuse images and videos on the Internet. Oldrich Pelich of Toronto faces child porn charges. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Rare butterflies spotted

Critter enthusiasts in Toronto have spotted a pair of rare butterflies, which haven't been seen in Canada since 1993. Native to Mexico and southern United States, the Marine Blues were found in the fields of Marie Curtis Park. Before this sighting, there had only been two confirmed discoveries of the species in Canada: One in Glenside, Sask., in 1939; and more recently in Point Pelee in 1993. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Program credited for drop in crime

Blair flooding risk-prone areas with cops

It's just after midnight on the kind of sultry summer evening that draws bands of thugs onto the Grassways stoops to settle scores, deal drugs, swap guns and intimidate.

But tonight the neighbourhood is abandoned.

The few working lights in this Jane and Finch housing complex, a high-crime maze of low-rise buildings, cast shadows on an empty basketball court, an unfilled swimming pool, a darkened archway. The main door to one of its buildings, locks jimmied free, creaks open to reveal stretches of grimy, desolate hallway.

"It's a ghost town," Sgt. Scott Purches says. "It's kind of weird. The ones who usually stay out, causing trouble — they're gone. It's been quiet like this for two weeks."

"There's still a lot of work to do."
Police Chief Bill Blair

So could it be that Police Chief Bill Blair is winning the war on violent crime?

"The numbers are positive," he says. "But there's still a lot of work to do."

He credits the Toronto Anti Violence Intervention Strategy with the decline. Better known as TAVIS, the anti-crime program was introduced three years ago and has received $15 million in provincial funding. It's helped police "focus on those who are most dangerous," Blair says, such as gang members, drug dealers and trespassers.

It has also uncovered darkened, graffiti-laden alleyways, lockers stuffed with guns, doors perpetually jimmied open and two separate, two-kilometre swaths of the city deemed to contain Toronto's lion's share of summer crime.

To pre-empt any violence this year, Blair has flooded Jane/Finch and Regent Park with 16 additional uniformed TAVIS officers until Labour Day.

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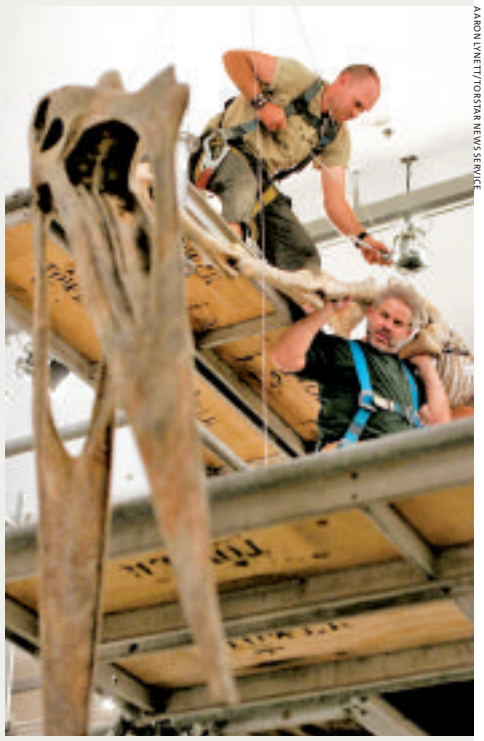

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Technicians Kevin Krudwig, top, and Garth Dallman work on the wing of the skeleton cast of pterosaur "Quetzalcoatlus," a flying reptile that lived alongside dinosaurs millions of years ago, late Wednesday night at the Royal Ontario Museum.

Shop owner accused of bike theft

CRIME Longtime bike-shop owner Igor Kenk is in jail charged with bicycle theft, police said yesterday.

Kenk, 49, was remanded in custody at a bail hearing while police officers stood guard at the padlocked front and back doors of his bike-repair storefront The Bicycle Clinic, on Queen Street West at Strachan Avenue.

On Tuesday evening, three officers planted an unlocked bike near the shop, roughly across from the gates to Trinity Bellwoods Park, police said.

A second locked bike happened to be standing nearby. Two men, one with bolt cutters, were seen at the bikes, police said.

Kenk and Jean Laveau are charged with theft, attempted theft and possession of stolen property. Laveau is also charged with possession of burglary tools.

Kenk's shop, which opened 16 years ago, was secured for investigation, said Det.-Sgt. Ed Roseto.

Bicycle thefts have been rampant this summer, he said.

"Ninety-six in the last six weeks within 41 Division alone," Roseto said of the police district running from the lake to Dupont Street, and from Spadina to Landsdowne avenues.

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charged

Man accused of assaulting senior

VIOLENCE A 22-year-old Mississauga man has been charged in the assault of an elderly man. Peel police arrived at the Indian Line Campground on Finch Avenue West in Mississauga early yesterday morning to find a man with serious head injuries. The victim, 72, was injured after he overheard a disturbance in the campground and tried to intervene, police said. The Mississauga man was taken to hospital where he remains in critical condition. Jacob Jeffrey is charged with aggravated assault.

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No bidders for TTC streetcar makeover

TRANSIT The TTC has failed to attract a single qualified bidder for a historic $1.25-billion contract to replace its aging streetcar fleet.

In a surprise development, Bombardier, the company widely believed to have the contract in the bag, failed to comply with the technical standards set out in precise detail in a request for proposals (RFP) issued in January, the TTC announced yesterday.

Even though they will now go back to the seven companies that expressed an interest early on, TTC officials say they expect the delay in getting test cars on Toronto streets by 2010 will be minimal.

Not only are Toronto's streetcars getting old, "We are in need of cars just to meet our service standard because our ridership is growing," said TTC chief general manager Gary Webster. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Two companies

Bombardier was one of only two companies that bid on the order for 204 cars. The other, TRAM Power, of Merseyside, England, was considered commercially non-compliant.

Another killing in city complex

A young man was shot to death last night at the same highrise complex where a 22-year-old was shot less than a week ago.

Paramedics tried to revive the latest victim for more than 20 minutes before he was pronounced dead, at around 6:45 p.m., in a large stairwell between two Mornelle Court buildings near Ellesmere Road and Morningside Ave.

Saturday's shooting in the same area, which has apparently left that victim seriously injured, happened around 7 p.m.

Residents said the latest victim was a 17-year-old who lived in one of the buildings. Police could not confirm that last night. Earlier reports had pegged the victim in his early 20s.

Residents recounted hearing six to eight gunshots yesterday. Witnesses gave reports of a black BMW speeding from the scene, as well as descriptions of a gunman fleeing into an adjacent building after the shots.

"I was watching TV when I heard about six gunshots."
Building resident

Police locked down two highrises as Emergency Task Force officers searched that building, as well as the stairwell where the shooting occurred, and a footpath and green space leading to Military Trail.

"I was watching TV when I heard about six gunshots. I know what gunshots sound like because I heard them Saturday night when the first guy got shot," said a resident, who asked not to be identified.

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Power plant

McCallion points to neighbours

PROJECT Etobicoke and Oakville should be considered as possible sites for a new gas-fired power plant, Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion says, arguing her municipality has shouldered its fair share of the burden of supplying electricity in the province. "I think everybody should be (considered) because Mississauga already has one. If you're going to spread it around then Etobicoke and Oakville should take their share," she said yesterday. The province announced Wednesday that it will not put the plant on the site of the demolished coal-fired Lakeview plant in Mississauga.

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News in brief

ARRESTED Four men have been arrested after a botched robbery at the Vaughan Mills Mall. Around 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, three men were trying to break into cars in the mall parking lot, police said. They fled but were stopped by police. Officers found a fake gun, ski masks, gloves and a metal club in the vehicle, which had stolen plates.

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Girlfriend charges in man's stabbing

A woman is in custody after her boyfriend was stabbed early yesterday morning. Police called to a residence on Boultbee Avenue, in the Danforth and Pape area, found a man suffering from a stab wound to his side and cuts to his hand. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Truck bursts into flames on 401

HIGHWAY The eastbound lanes of Highway 401, east of Highway 407 in Milton, were closed yesterday after a tractor-trailer rolled over and caught fire in the ditch. The empty flatbed truck jackknifed and hit a tall light standard. The pole fell and the vehicle exploded into a "ball of fire." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Initiatives for GTA hospital

1500

people marched to protest alleged problems at Brampton Civic Hospital.

A campaign to recruit 200 nurses in 200 days. A separate centre in emergency for patients with less serious ailments. A diversity officer and community advisory council for better relations with residents.

Those are some of the initiatives underway to restore public confidence in Brampton Civic Hospital, according to Ken White, the supervisor appointed by the province in December to deal with a controversy that had boiled over to the streets.

The state-of-the-art facility found itself in the eye of the storm when two deaths in the hospital provoked a volley of complaints. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Man accused of duping own family

A Toronto man accused of defrauding his own family — elderly parents, wife, sister, and most of his in-laws — of at least a million dollars has been arrested and charged with dozens of fraud-related offences.

According to police, the man convinced his family he was an airline pilot — often leaving his house wearing the bogus uniform — and a professional soccer player.

He convinced his wife they were married; she later discovered the legal papers had never been filed. And he made dozens of friends and family believe he was a financial guru who could be trusted with family money.

"It reminds me of that movie Catch Me If You Can," says Det. Const. Steve Lamplugh. "His wife, she thought they were married, and they weren't. ..... He sold a car to a female friend that she later found out he had no right to sell. It was leased. His own parents have lost their home because of him."

"(Digiulio's) wife, she thought they were married, and they weren't ... His own parents have lost their home because of him."
Det. Const. Steve Lamplugh

It was a two-pronged scam, says Lamplugh.

On one side, the man convinced friends and relatives he was making a killing on a high-interest savings account out of Zurich and offered to let them in on it.

At the same time, police allege the man was also opening credit card accounts in his relatives' names and having the bills sent to his own home so they wouldn't find out.

Toronto resident Mike Digiulio, 38, has been charged with five counts of fraud over $5,000, 30 counts of impersonation with intent, 25 counts of possessing credit cards obtained by crime and credit card theft. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Canadians travelled more in May

New figures show Canadians took more trips abroad in May than they did a year earlier. Statistics Canada says Canadian residents took 4.5 million trips outside the country this past May, up 12.6 per cent from May 2007. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Decision in cat's microwave death

Two teenage boys who were expected to be sentenced for breaking into a home and microwaving a cat to death have instead been ordered to undergo a psychiatric assessment. The boys, ages 15 and 16, appeared in youth court in Camrose, Alta., after pleading guilty last month to breaking into a home twice last December and microwaving a cat to death. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Blitt-z through perils of satire

Metro explores why ex-Canadian cartoonist's image stoked so much controversy

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Public outcries, condemnations by politicians, heated dialogue on 24-hour news channels — it's a perfect day's handiwork for an editorial cartoonist.

That's the response to an illustration on the cover of the July 21 edition of the New Yorker, by Connecticut-based Canadian ex-pat Barry Blitt, which depicts U.S. Democratic presumptive presidential nominee Barack Obama and his wife Michelle as Islamic extremist terrorists fist bumping in the Oval Office. Behind them on the wall sits a portrait of Osama bin Laden as the American flag burns in the fireplace under it.

While the magazine calls the cartoon — which has galvanized opinions and sparked worldwide debate — satire, others including spokespeople for both Obama's and U.S. Senator John McCain's presidential campaigns deride it as "tasteless and offensive."

Blitt, who was refusing interviews Wednesday, released an earlier statement to the online Huffington Post saying: "I think the idea that the Obamas are branded as unpatriotic (let alone as terrorists) in certain sectors is preposterous. It seemed to me that depicting the concept would show it as the fear-mongering ridiculousness that it is."

The controversial New Yorker image by artist Barry Blitt.

No stranger to controversy, Blitt's previous New Yorker cartoons include Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad rubbing feet with a potential suitor in a bathroom stall following anti-gay remarks he made last year. In 2004, Blitt was named in a lawsuit ex-media baron Conrad Black filed against Toronto Life for showing the ex-media baron jubilantly arriving in hell in work that was also defended as satire.

"It's an excellent cartoon. But in this case, the target was the right-wing media like Fox News that have described Obama in this way. That isn't made clear here."
Toronto Star editorial cartoonist Patrick Corrigan on Blitt's cartoon

But the contentious discussion the cover has generated is just indicative of a job well done, says Toronto Star editorial cartoonist Patrick Corrigan, who lauds the New Yorker cover. He adds that in their heart of hearts, a good satirist is a born shit disturber and their duty is to make the target "choke on their Cheerios" by presenting them in a ridiculous fashion. The problem with Blitt's work, he argues, is that the foil wasn't properly flushed out for the public to see.

"It's an excellent cartoon. It's hard-hitting and it does everything it's supposed to do," says Corrigan. "But in this case, the target was the right-wing media like Fox News that have described Obama in this way. That isn't made clear here. The audience the New Yorker is speaking to, the swanky Manhattan crowd, they'll get it. But a casual reader who isn't interested in politics will take this literally."

Corrigan knows what it's like to stir up the proverbial hornet's nest: In 1997, Toronto Police filed a complaint to press ethics watchdog Ontario Press Council against the Star after it published a cartoon by the satirist, showing an anonymous constable brandishing a gun, the caption reading, "Go ahead, make my day."

The lampoon followed the fatal police shooting of Edmond Yu, an unarmed, schizophrenic man. The council ruled in favour of the Star.

"Your role really is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable," Corrigan said. "Having said that, you don't want to set the world on fire. You pick your battles."

It's all in a day's work for the Swiftian impresarios of the fifth estate, a profession where one of the biggest worries, notes Corrigan, is whether they should have gotten into the business in the first place.

"I start my day with six cups of coffee and fret all morning about whether I'm in the wrong occupation and should have been a Wal-Mart greeter instead," he jokes.

"Then, as the deadline looms, my subconscious takes over. I find the subject of tomorrow's news, get silly with it, and try to come up with a good gag."

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Compensation in online tirade case

COURT A B.C. Supreme Court judge has awarded an Australian man $180,000 for being the brunt of an Internet tirade conducted by a Nanaimo, B.C., man. Justice Douglas Halfyard concluded defamatory statements along with the worldwide exposure of Robert Griffin's identity had serious and adverse effects on Griffin's life and mental health. Halfyard found Patrick Sullivan responsible for publishing four years of defamatory statements against Griffin, including accusing Griffin of being a stalker, killer, sexual predator, pedophile, and hate monger and a man who impregnates and then abandons women.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

First Nations **Leaders march to city hall**

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Assembly of First Nations leader Phil Fontaine, flanked by elder Elmer Courchesne of Manitoba and Huron Grand Chief Max One Onti Gros-Louis of Wendake, walk to city hall in a symbolic march at the end of their three-day meeting yesterday in Quebec City.

News in brief

KIDNAPPING A young boy who was kidnapped and dumped inside an old oil heating tank before being found by police is coming to terms with his ordeal, his brother said yesterday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

B.C. doctors disciplined

The annual report of the B.C. College of Physicians and Surgeons shows nine doctors were disciplined last year for sexual misconduct, including one doctor who exposed himself to patients and another who had a year-long relationship with a former patient who was an inmate.

The report says the college reviewed 28 allegations of sexual misconduct involving 24 doctors.

The most serious punishment went to Dr. Tim Kom Wou, who admitted to exposing himself to two patients during physical exams in 2004. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Court rules employer has right to fire sick employees

The Supreme Court of Canada has ruled that an employer has the right to fire an employee who is no longer able to work because of illness. But the court says the employer must do everything it can to accommodate the employee. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crime stats fall for third straight year: StatsCan

Canada's national crime rate fell in 2007 for the third straight year, with declines in everything from homicides and gun crimes to minor property offences, says a new report.

And some say numbers released yesterday by Statistics Canada could strip some political ammunition away from the Conservative government, which has styled itself as the party that's toughest on crime.

"If crime rates continue to come down, then eventually the level of fear will not rise, but it might actually taper off or stabilize, in which case the usefulness of it as a ballot question for the Conservatives will weaken over time," said Bruce Anderson, president of polling firm Harris-Decima.

The numbers fly in the face of popular media and political messaging, which portrays crime across Canada as rising in both volume and ferocity.

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Decline

Robbery committed with a firearm declined 12 per cent from the previous year, hitting its lowest point in three decades.

Page admitted drug use

Court documents allege Ladies' front man snorted coke

Barenaked Ladies front man Steven Page, known for his quirky lyrics, environmental activism and clean-cut image, admitted to New York police that he was snorting cocaine prior to his arrest last week, court documents allege.

Steven Page of the Barenaked Ladies is shown in this police handout photo. Page admitted to New York police that he was snorting cocaine prior to his arrest last week, court documents allege. Page was arrested with Christine Benedicto and Stephanie Ford.

Christine Benedicto

Stephanie Ford

The documents, filed with the Fayetteville Village Court in New York, contain details from police as well as a statement from a woman arrested at the same time as the 38-year-old Toronto resident.

A felony complaint against the singer states he was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance early last Friday morning after police stumbled upon a car parked across a driveway with its driver-side door open.

After tracking the licence plate of the vehicle, police entered an apartment where they found Page and 25-year-old Stephanie Ford in the kitchen.

In a statement to police filed with the court, Ford said the two had just finished snorting what she believed to be cocaine using a rolled-up Canadian bill.

She said Page had stored several capsules containing a white powdery substance in a bottle labelled Calcium.

A separate court document states that police questioned Page about the substance he was snorting after it tested positive for cocaine.

"Yeah, it's cocaine," the documents quote Page as saying.

Police allege Page had about a third of an ounce of the drug on him at the time of his arrest. He was taken into police custody, but was later released after posting $10,000 bail. He is scheduled to appear in a New York court on August 26. If convicted, he faces a maximum of 15 years in prison.

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Ex-diplomat feels demonized for Khadr visits at Guantanamo

"We certainly never would have asked them to do anything to him. That's appalling. I wouldn't be able to live with myself if I thought that was the case."
Jim Gould

A former Canadian diplomat whose cloak of obscurity has been ripped away by new insights into the treatment of Omar Khadr said yesterday he feels somewhat demonized for his fact-finding visits to the controversial Guantanamo Bay prisoner.

In an interview from Ottawa, Jim Gould was adamant neither he nor anyone else at the Department of Foreign Affairs ever requested, endorsed or acquiesced to American abuse of the teenager.

"We certainly never would have asked them to do anything to him," Gould said. "That's appalling. I wouldn't be able to live with myself if I thought that was the case."

Gould is one of the very few Canadians who have seen the Toronto-born Khadr since his capture by U.S. forces after a four-hour firefight in Afghanistan six years ago when he was just 15.

Now 21, Khadr is accused of throwing a hand grenade that killed an American medic, and is to be tried before a U.S. military commission in October.

"I've had sympathy with the kid since I first went down," Gould said.

"I was very aware of the fact that in Canada he probably would be a young offender, marginally responsible for what he was doing."

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McCartney appeals for peace ahead of concert

MUSIC Ex-Beatle and perennial love-advocate Paul McCartney summoned Quebec nationalists yesterday "to smoke the pipes of peace" over their opposition to his free concert this weekend.

Several artists and politicians have been questioning McCartney's participation in Quebec City's 400th anniversary celebration because of his British roots.

But McCartney told Radio-Canada he was unmoved by their claim his presence evokes painful memories of Britain's conquest of New France in 1760.

"I think it's time to smoke the pipes of peace and to just, you know, put away your hatchet because I think it's a show of friendship," he said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

FOOD Consumers have nothing to fear as Ottawa begins making meat-packing companies responsible for some parts of the food inspection system and considers reducing tests for mad cow disease, the president of the Canadian Cattlemen's Association says.

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HEALTH Immigrants with HIV account for a large portion of new infections of the disease in Canada and they're slipping between the health-care cracks, warns a recent report.

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Obama in the money

Democrat Barack Obama raised $52 million last month for his presidential campaign, a significant boost to his financial cache for the fall contest. That's more than twice as much as Republican rival John McCain. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Future traffic cop

Landon Wilburn, 11, not only shouts at the many speeders in his Louisville, Ky., neighbourhood, he also dresses in a reflective vest, wears a bicycle helmet and carries an orange Hot Wheels brand radar gun. He points and records the actual speed of passing traffic.

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U.S. interrogation methods subject of contentious memos

Former U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft said yesterday it was not a hard decision to withdraw Justice Department legal opinions that approved the use of harsh interrogation methods that critics say amount to torture.

Ashcroft, testifying in front of the House Judiciary Committee, said the legal reasoning behind both memos was flawed and needed to be corrected.

At the heart of both opinions was a controversial definition of torture.

They said "only extreme acts" that cause pain similar in intensity to that caused by death or organ failure should be prohibited in the interrogations of terrorist suspects.

Ashcroft had initially approved both memos. They were replaced with new, narrower policies about what interrogation methods would be allowed.

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Israelis buried

Families attend returned soldiers' funerals

Thousands of mourners turned out yesterday for the burials of two Israeli soldiers returned in a prisoner exchange with Lebanese guerrillas, laying to rest the young men whose unknown fate had riveted the Jewish state for two years.

Across the border in Lebanon, the five militants freed as part of the prisoner swap prayed at the grave of Imad Mughniyeh, a slain Hezbollah military commander. They vowed to keep fighting Israel.

Eldad Regev and Ehud Goldwasser's remains were returned by Hezbollah Wednesday in exchange for five Lebanese prisoners and the remains of some 200 Arab fighters.

The pair's 2006 capture in a cross-border raid by Hezbollah sparked a month-long war. It's not clear whether they died in captivity or during the raid in which they were seized.

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Karnit Goldwasser, centre, the wife of Israeli soldier Ehud Goldwasser, is comforted yesterday during her husband's funeral at a military cemetery in Nahariya, Israel.

Police detain men they say are gay

TOURISTS Police in the tourist hub of Dubai say they've detained 17 foreign men for allegedly being gay and wearing women's clothing in malls and other public places.

Dubai's police chief was quoted as saying the arrests are part of a campaign against "transvestites."

Despite Dubai's Western outlook, homosexuality is illegal in the Muslim city-state. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

SMUGGLING A Uzbekistan man was charged in Russia with trying to smuggle a metal — tantalum, which can be used in weapons of mass destruction — into Iran. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DRUG AID Bill Clinton's foundation has signed pricing pacts with suppliers of a malaria-fighting drug in order to stabilize the medication's costs and ensure more dependable availability. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Childhood ends at 11 for some Afghan girls

This is the story of two 11-year-old Afghan girls.

One was brimming with hope, chattering about her love for math and her ambitious dreams. The other was forced to marry her father's friend, never saw the inside of a classroom, and lost her will to live.

This is the story of Najia and Sher, whose contrasting lives speak to the tragic powerlessness of many Afghan girls — and to the renewed hope of others.

A morbid hospital photo of Sher serves as a solemn reminder of how childhood often ends for girls in Afghanistan. Those as young as 11 are considered old enough for a husband.

Their parents collect lucrative $10,000 dowries from wealthy grooms-to-be, and these pre-teens are sent off to become housewives and have children.

Last year, 60 Kandahar girls sought to escape their fate through suicide. Like Sher, many wound up as hospital burn victims after dousing themselves with gasoline and setting themselves ablaze.

Then there are girls like Najia. "I want to be a doctor," she says.

But Najia remains a rarity in this country. Girls comprise just 17 per cent of the province's students, and the overall literacy rate among women here is 5 per cent.

But if the Canadian government and international donors have their way, there will be more girls like Najia. Canada's $90-million education program in Afghanistan includes $1.5 million for classrooms like Najia's.

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Insurgents

Yesterday U.S. Special Forces and Afghan troops killed 15 insurgents while freeing 15 hostages in airstrikes during a raid on a militant cell in western Afghanistan.

Pope calls for green living at Catholic youth rally

PLANET Pope Benedict XVI said yesterday that mankind's "insatiable consumption" has scarred the Earth and squandered its resources, telling followers that taking care of the planet is vital to humanity. The pontiff, 81, gave his speech for World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia.

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News in brief

TODAY'S LITERACY Russia's new president, Dmitry Medvedev, 42, warns that government officials who don't know how to use a computer may soon be out of a job. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRESH START Kuwait says it has named an ambassador to Iraq for the first time since the 1991 Gulf War. Ali al-Momen, former military chief of staff, will take the post. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BIRD FLU Relatives of an Indonesian cargo worker say he died of bird flu, raising the unofficial toll in the world's hardest hit nation to 111 in three years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Official inflation rate soars to 2.2 million per cent in Zimbabwe

Official inflation soared to 2.2 million per cent in Zimbabwe — by far the highest in the world — and has shot as high as 70 million per cent in the past year for some basic goods sold on the black market, the state central bank said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Gas prices slow to reflect oil decline

Experts divided over how long it will last

It will likely to be the middle of next week before gasoline retail prices begin reflecting an 11 per cent drop in oil prices seen over the past three days, experts say.

The decline represents in dollars the biggest three-day fall since oil futures began trading 25 years ago.

But opinions are divided over whether the drop is merely temporary relief — reflecting falling North American demand and concerns over inflation — or the beginning of a long-term slide that could see a barrel of crude costing less than $80 US within a year.

"A price of almost $150 a barrel is unsustainable and the $200 target ... will soon prove a mirage."
Clément Gignac

"A price of almost $150 a barrel is unsustainable and the $200 target advanced by some folks will soon prove a mirage," wrote National Bank Financial economist Clément Gignac.

But others feel the global supply-demand outlook will drive oil to $200 a barrel over the next few years.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Truck plant **More layoffs**

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Employee Tom Dobrentey talks to media yesterday at the Sterling Truck Plant in St. Thomas, Ont. The dump and utility trucks builder is eliminating one of its two shifts and laying off 720 workers as of November as it joins the growing ranks of companies being squeezed by an economic slowdown in the U.S.

Central bank forecasts rebound

ECONOMY Bank of Canada Governor Mark Carney says the economy has nowhere to go but up. The bank's policy update delivered yesterday lends credence to expectations that Carney, after trying to stimulate the economy with reduced interest rates in 2008, has abandoned that approach in the face of sharply rising prices. He confirmed the bank is unlikely to seek to boost the economy despite Ontario's near-recessionary conditions.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

New CEO to lead HBC makeover

RETAIL Jeffrey Sherman, who has held senior positions at some of the biggest names in American retailing including The Limited, Polo Ralph Lauren and Bloomingdales, has been chosen to manage the makeover of Hudson's Bay Co. He replaces Rob Johnston, who was instrumental in Jerry Zucker's takeover of HBC in 2006 and stepped in as CEO after Zucker's death. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sony to sell movies, TV programs for PS3

GAMES Sony's new PS3 console is going Hollywood.

Sony, which unveiled a new video service for its PlayStation 3 console at the E3 video game industry trade show in Los Angeles, says it will rent out and sell movies and television programs online for the new PS3 console and double the hard drive capacity of the previous model.

The service will take a few months to reach Canada due to last-minute details to be ironed out with the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, said Matt Levitan, marketing and public relations representative for PlayStation Canada. But he says it will be well worth the wait. "The PS3 is really hitting its stride," he said. "Doubling the amount of hard drive space on the console is certainly an asset for our customers."

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features

Set for release in September in the U.S., the latest version of the PS3 will feature an 80-gigabyte hard drive for $399, the same price as the PS3's current 40-gigabyte hard drive. Rentals for shows and movies are $3, $6 for hi-def, and $15 to own, and will be compatible with the portable PSP console.

News in brief

APPEAL Former press lord Conrad Black is asking a U.S. federal appeals court to take another look at the fraud and obstruction of justice convictions that landed the Canadian-born businessman in a Florida prison. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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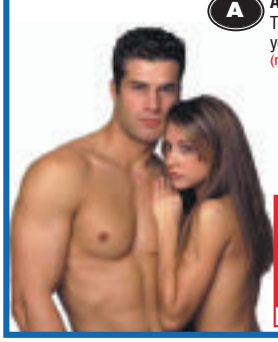

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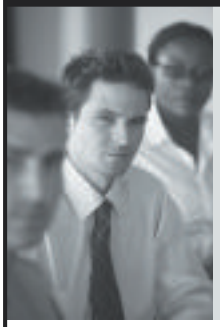

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Beijing infrastructure

Beijing's two new subway lines and a new rail line should be running Sunday, said Zhou Zhengyu, deputy director of the Beijing Municipal Committee of Communications. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Beijing Games

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Chambers ruling expected today

ATHLETICS Allowing Dwain Chambers to compete at the Beijing Olympics could financially damage the London 2012 Games, according to the British association trying to convince a judge to keep him out of China.

A ruling is expected today. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yao marks return with 11 points

BASKETBALL Yao Ming marked his return from injury yesterday with 11 points in just over 12 minutes of play for the Chinese national team in an Olympics warmup against a Serbian squad. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Monday's lineup

MONEY TALKS Canadian Sport Centre's Casey Peirce says the image of the poor athlete is a myth, but swimmer Adam Sioui disagrees. "If my parents weren't there to give me support," he says, "I don't think I would have made it to this level." Read Monday's Metro for more.

20 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

GUANG NIU/GETTY IMAGES

Chinese authorities are tightening security in the lead-up to the 2008 Summer Olympics.

Beijing in lockdown mode

Pre-Games security crackdown continues as foreigners exit in droves

Is the Olympic party over even before it begins?

With every passing day, Beijing is slowly going into lockdown.

Foreigners are being scrutinized more than ever before, random security checks have begun on the city's subways and visa restrictions continue to tighten. Whether Beijing's Olympics can be the open, welcoming, joyous celebration for which the Games have come to be known is questionable.

But one thing is certain: Canada's Derek Hildenbrand won't be here.

The 29-year-old web marketing specialist from Banff, Alta., has called Beijing home for 4½ years.

But on Canada Day, he left for Eastern Europe — a casualty of the Chinese government's visa regulations being more strictly enforced as the countdown to the Games quickens.

Like countless thousands of foreigners, Hildenbrand was in Beijing on an easily renewable F-visa. Now the government has terminated F-visas — and he'll have to reapply from abroad.

"It's a major hassle," Hildenbrand said.

"And trying to find answers from the government is impossible. No one seems to know what's going on."

It's all part of the ever-tightening stranglehold of security that has gripped the city since the beginning of the new year.

With more than 100 heads of state coming to the Games, and the eyes of the world looking on, Chinese authorities have become — perhaps understandably — obsessed with security and are trying to examine and re-examine the status of every foreigner in Beijing.

National image counts, too.

Authorities have been shutting down selected bars, magazines, dissidents and websites — anyone and anything they feel might adversely effect China's reputation.

"They want this to be an absolutely perfect presentation," says Gilbert Kerckhove, a Beijing-based consultant. "They don't want to leave anything to chance."

For young Westerners who in recent years have flooded into Beijing — bringing their party spirit with them — it could be the end of an era, or at the very least, a long hiatus.

"There have been a lot of clampdowns," says Hildenbrand, "and it just doesn't seem to be as much fun."

Legitimately or otherwise, foreigners have been a target.

In the words of the China Law Blog, an award-winning Chinese website: "China's law enforcement against foreigners is constantly getting stricter and the pace has only accelerated in the last few months."

The visa restrictions pushing many Westerners out today are only the most recent escalation of ever-tightening security.

But China's security concerns are real, Kerckhove says, adding: "They're scared to death, especially about the possibility of an airborne attack."

Just yesterday, officials announced Beijing will restrict aircraft landing and taking off during the opening ceremony on Aug. 8 due to security concerns.

And last month, Chinese security officials revealed batteries of surface-to-air missiles have been placed within 800 metres of the Bird's Nest stadium, the architectural centrepiece of the Games that will host the opening and closing ceremonies.

But the visa clampdown will come with adverse consequences for legitimate businesses.

"Business is drying up," Kerckhove says, noting that delays in getting visas have meant business trips to China and meetings have had to be rescheduled and even cancelled. He predicts that for the next two months, "industry and trade is going to grind to a halt."

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Wozniewski signs with the Blues
The St. Louis Blues have added some depth to their blue-line by signing free-agent defenceman Andy Wozniewski.
The 28-year-old spent last season with the Toronto Maple Leafs and had nine points in 48 games. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports

"I love it here. It's great to be back."

Rocco Mediate, right, said about playing the British Open for the first time since 2002. One of the few positive sentiments on a cold, windy and rain-filled start to the tournament.

Mediate tied for lead

The runner-up at the U.S. Open Rocco Mediate shot a 1-under 69 at Royal Birkdale yesterday to sit in a three-way tie for the lead after the first round of the British Open with Robert Allenby and Graeme McDowell. Mike Weir is in seventh, at one-over.

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Baseball's success remarkable

Despite a failing economy record numbers heading to MLB ballparks

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The economy sucks, baseball is far too slow for the fast-paced world in which we live, and MLB commissioner Bud Selig is pretty well a buffoon.

And yet, despite these three undeniable factballs, big-league baseball is somehow not striking out. Rather, it is defying the odds. As it launches the post-All-Star-Game portion of its schedule, MLB is actually on pace to reach a mind-boggling attendance record — 80-million spectators.

While companies throughout Canada and the United States are folding, while mortgages cannot be paid, and while gas tanks cannot be filled, turnstiles at MLB parks somehow spin at an unprecedented rate.

What gives?

Selig's belief is that baseball, for a reason he can't quite figure out, is bullet-proof to the economy. He figures families might call off long vacation trips because of the absurd gas prices they're dealing with but will still be inclined to patronize MLB ballparks.

"I don't have empirical data to support my theory," the commish said this week. "It's just something I feel, that's all."

Official odds

- To win NL pennant: Cubs — 3/2; Mil. — 7/2; Phil. — 11/2.
- To win AL pennant: Bos. — 7/5; T.B. — 2/1; LAA —7/2.
- To win NL Cy Young: Tim Lincecum, S.F., 5/2; Brandon Webb, Ari., 7/2; Edinson Volquez, Cin., 5/1.
- To win AL Cy Young: Cliff Lee, Cle., and Justin Duchscherer, Oak., 9/2; Roy Halladay, Tor., 5/1.

Whatever, Selig is either the luckiest guy in sports or the slyest because, somehow, baseball is on pace to set its fifth consecutive attendance record. And that's remarkable, really.

• I still think Selig and his stuffed-shirt colleagues are out to lunch, however, when they continue to defend the most inequitable rule difference in sports.

I mean, why does the NL not use a designated hitter? It creates such a dramatic disparity between it and the AL that it's almost unfathomable. The AL has been using the DH since 1973, for crying out loud. The NL still lives in the dark ages.

How ridiculous is it for AL pitchers who haven't hit in years suddenly having to pretend to do so in NL parks, even during the World Series?

• While Selig gets off scot-free for his DH dizziness, he'll find himself in an ocean of hot water if Barry Bonds isn't signed by an MLB club soon.

A few contenders are expressing interest in Bonds — including the Arizona Diamondbacks and Detroit Tigers — but should he remain unemployed in another 10 days or so, look for the MLB Players Association to file a legal grievance claiming owners and executives conspired to keep the controversial home-run king out of the majors.

• For Canadian football stuff, including details of a private memo sent out to clubs from league headquarters, check out my latest CFL Report, exclusively at *www.metronews.ca.*

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

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Detroit at Baltimore, 7:05
TORONTO at Tampa Bay, 7:10
Texas at Minnesota, 8:10
Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 8:11
Boston at L.A. Angels, 10:05
Cleveland at Seattle, 10:10
NATIONAL LEAGUE
N.Y. Mets at Cincinnati, 7:10
Philadelphia at Florida, 7:10
Washington at Atlanta, 7:35
Chicago Cubs at Houston, 8:05
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Pittsburgh at Colorado, 9:05
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 9:40
Milwaukee at San Francisco, 10:15

CFL

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Winnipeg at B.C., 10
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Ledger's finale hypnotic

The late Heath Ledger stars as The Joker in The Dark Knight, opening this weekend.

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The Dark Knight
Director: Christopher Nolan
Stars: Christian Bale, Heath Ledger
Classification: PG
Rating:

REVIEW The Dark Knight — filmmaker Christopher Nolan's follow-up to Batman Begins — definitely takes the caped crusader down a darker path as perhaps best exemplified by one character who prophetically says, "you either die a hero or you live long enough to see yourself become the villain."

Wow. Happy days.

The film begins with Gotham City under siege by criminals. It turns out that the presence of a hero like Batman (Christian Bale) attracts a darker element and none more so than psychopathic villain The Joker (played by the late Heath Ledger).

The film is really a chess game mainly between the two opposing players and Nolan focuses in on the moral struggle of its fascinating lead characters.

Oh, but they're not alone. Enter District Attorney Harvey Dent (Aaron Eckhart), who in his attempt to clean up Gotham, gets himself tangled in the moral web, which eventually turns him into a maniacal vigilante as well.

I don't need to go into the plot details for The Dark Knight.

People will flock to this film (and rightly so) because Nolan creates a stunning visual masterpiece and the complexity of an antihero like Batman is intriguing, especially when played so expertly by Bale (although that scratchy Clint Eastwood impression does get a touch annoying after 150 minutes). However, the main reason people may run to see this movie is to see the much lauded portrayal of The Joker by Heath Ledger.

It's difficult to judge how good Ledger's performance is because it is impossible to watch him without being influenced by the tabloid fanfare surrounding his death (did playing The Joker lead him to his demise?).

One thing is certain though —it's a mesmerizing performance and if for no other reason, The Dark Knight is worth seeing for Ledger.

Space Chimps a champ

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Space Chimps
Director: Kirk De Micco
Stars: Andy Samberg, Patrick Warburton
Classification: G
Rating:

REVIEW It's a difficult line to walk. The cocksure hero can't be too arrogant, or he won't win our hearts. There has to be charm and vulnerability in the mix, or we won't care what happens. With Ham III, the sarcastic, high-flying, naturally gifted, golden-hearted, computer-generated hero of Space Chimps, we care.

Ham III, voiced by Saturday Night Live's Andy Samberg in this CGI kids flick, gets a lot of laughs. He's cocky, but it's easy to see through his posturing.

His grandfather — Ham — was a famous chimp astronaut, and Ham III hasn't come close to living up to his family's legacy. He's a circus chimp who gets fired out of a cannon.

But when Ham III gets recruited to lead an important space mission, he gets his chance to make his mark. What follows is a predictable but entertaining story, kind of an Odyssey-Star Wars mix for chimps. The kids will love Space Chimps. Kirk De Micco's script is snappy, and there isn't much downtime in the brisk 81 minutes. A couple of times, a gag is on the verge of being too long when De Micco wisely moves things along. Space Chimps is well paced and will keep the young ones attentive. And although the story is tried and true, it still holds together for adults. Many CGI filmmakers try to cram in as many pop-culture references as possible, as if to say "look how clever we are!" De Micco uses them sparingly and effectively without getting in the way of the narrative.

Space Chimps opens today.

A struggle for love and faith

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

A Jihad For Love
Director: Parvez Sharma
Classification: 14A
Rating:

REVIEW A Jihad For Love is a fascinating study of a conflicted and marginalized community. The film follows a collection of devout Muslims struggling to reconcile their homosexuality with the fact that the lifestyle is forbidden by their religion. Director Parvez Sharma has tracked down some incredible interview subjects and wisely lets their personalities and stories speak for themselves. Sharma allows the interviewees to simply describe their experiences without unnecessary re-enactments and examines the nature of faith through their words.

The only problem with the movie it is that it never attempts to answer the questions raised. This is fine at first, but it ultimately makes the movie an episodic and one-sided presentation of an issue that deserves more thorough examination.

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GETTY IMAGES

Will Ferrell's comedic talents will hit the big screen next week in Step Brothers.

Ferrell loves to improv

Talladega Nights star reunites with McKay and Reilly in Step Brothers

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

FEATURE Whether it's one of his more memorable skits from Saturday Night Live or on the big screen, Will Ferrell always seems like he's having a good time. As it turns out, that was exactly the case when Ferrell made Talladega Nights with director Adam McKay and co-star John C. Reilly. After finishing the 2006 comedy, the threesome made a "blood pact" to reunite.

"You have fun experiences (on films) and you say, 'Let's do it again,' and then it slips through your fingers," says Ferrell. "So we really made a point to sit down and meet."

Following several brainstorm dinners, McKay dreamed up a ridiculous story about two feuding middle-aged slackers who would be forced to cope with each other after their respective parents met and got married.

The result: The hilarious new movie Step Brothers (out next Friday).

As with their previous effort, Step Brothers mostly works because it's filled with moments of inspired improvisation and madness. "Adam's one of the few directors who we kind of do the take once and then we begin improvising whether we want to or not," says Ferrell.

"It's unusual because most directors have you work on the scene until you have it down and then maybe you try an extra take just for fun."

However, Ferrell defends the final cut, insisting that it's mostly scripted. "We improvise a lot in the writing process so I think even our written scenes have that kind of back and forth feel that make it seem improvised." It's that touch of magic that has also turned the Step Brothers trio into Internet stars.

After launching the website *FunnyorDie.com*, Ferrell and McKay garnered even more fans with hysterical homemade videos like The Landlord (starring McKay's foul-mouthed toddler Pearl).

Not only has it been viewed more than 57 million times, but HBO has now invested in *FunnyorDie.com* with plans to produce specials from the website.

Step Brothers definitely follows the same sense of humour found on *FunnyorDie.com* and, specifically, the only skit that stars all three Step Brothers collaborators — a sketch called The Green Team featuring unusual enviro-tips ("a compost bin is a great place to store a baby when you're finished with them").

When asked if that might be the next big-screen collaboration by the trio, McKay responds perhaps sarcastically, but without hesitation: "We'll pitch it. Sadistic environmentalists who go around beating people up — it's very sellable."

Gonzo an examination of the Good Doctor

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Gonzo: The Life And Work Of Hunter S. Thompson
Director: Alex Gibney
Classification: STC
Rating:

REVIEW Gonzo begins with the voice of Johnny Depp reading aloud from a column the late Hunter S. Thompson wrote just after 9/11. The actor played Thompson in Terry Gilliam's 1998 movie adaptation of Fear And Loathing In Las Vegas, the book that did the most to cement Thompson's reputation as the wild man of American journalism, a raging, drug-addled juggernaut of probably justified paranoia careening off the walls of mainstream American politics and society. He has obvious reverence for Thompson's words and opinions, as does almost everyone interviewed for this epic documentary, from writer Tom Wolfe to Rolling Stone publisher Jann Wenner to politicians like George McGovern, Gary Hart and Jimmy Carter.

In the column, Thompson holds forth on his despair for America in the wakes of the attacks, and the apocalypse to come he spies over the horizon. It's a terrible bit of writing — self-important but lifeless, cobbled together with the hyperbolic quasi-Biblical metaphor that Thompson had, by this point in his career, worn threadbare.

Thompson's great achievement was to embody a style of journalism — urgent, irresponsible, crazed — that reflected his times: the '60s and early '70s, when American society seemed to be running off the rails, bulging and cracking under the stress of a generation of youth who demanded that it be remade in their image. At some point, his wildly inspired muse — lubricated and untethered by generous helpings of booze and drugs — was dubbed "Gonzo," and Thompson became an act that he had to fulfil, at great personal cost to himself and his writing. In an interview from the mid-'70s, we see him admitting that he's trapped by his persona, and can no longer just be a journalist, since his very presence inevitably makes him part of the story. Sent to Zaire to cover the Muhammad Ali-George Foreman fight, he opts instead to lounge around the hotel pool rather than cover the story, a sure indicator of the onset of depression.

After this, it's just a long, miserable decline that ends with Thompson's suicide three years ago, with his ex-wife on the phone and his son and grandson in the house. It was a tawdry, selfish end, and by the time it happens, it's hard not to regard the milieu of friends and fans telling his story to Alex Gibney's camera as enablers, or to ignore a feeling of contempt for their part in turning talent into self-parody.

Hunter S. Thompson's life and death are looked at in Gonzo.

Musicals aren't for everyone

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Mamma Mia!
Director: Phyllida Lloyd
Stars: Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan
Classification: STC
Rating:

REVIEW You should know that you've been forewarned when there's an exclamation mark in the title of a movie, I suppose. The first 20 minutes of Mamma Mia! are taken up with arrivals on the shore of a picturesque Greek island where Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) is getting married at the rundown hotel run by Donna (Meryl Streep), her hippie mother.

There's Sophie's bridesmaids, and Donna's old running mates Rosie (Julie Walters) and Tanya (Christine Baranski), all of whom greet each other with a symphony of squeals, and by the time the whole cast is belting out Dancing Queen, the first tremors of a crippling migraine should be lancing through your cortex like a knitting needle.

Based on the Broadway musical that made ABBA songs even more omnipresent than they were, it's the story of Sophie's search for her father after learning that he could have been any one of three men her mother slept with during some eventful summer in the '70s.

The three men — played by Pierce Brosnan, Stellan Skarsgard and Colin Firth — arrive on the island and become the catalyst for a blaring but improbably farce predicated on the assumption that no one is capable of pausing for a second and reflecting on the obvious.

It's a plot that, should someone have suggested the simple expediency of a DNA test, would have pulled the whole movie up short after just one song.

Apparently, a memo has also gone around insisting that musicals now require cast members to forego their dignity, and so we're treated to Brosnan singing, Skarsgard's bare ass, and Streep doing her best impersonation of a hysterical teenager before a big musical number that requires her to channel Anna Magnani to the tune of Winner Takes All.

Stellan Skarsgard, Pierce Brosnan and Colin Firth try to figure out who the daddy is in Mamma Mia!, opening this weekend.

Mena Suvari stars in Stuck, based on a true story.

Suvari shines in Stuck

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Stuck
Director: Stuart Gordon
Stars: Mena Suvari, Stephen Rea
Classification: STC
Rating:

REVIEW Albert Einstein once said that "reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one." Nowhere is this perhaps better exemplified than in the film Stuck. Based on a bizarre true story, Mena Suvari plays Brandi, a seemingly compassionate nurse's aide on the verge of a promotion. Prematurely celebrating her advancement, Brandi gets bombed on booze and pills and decides to drive home. After she barrels down a homeless man — pinning him in the windshield — she continues home and parks the car.

The performances are compelling; Suvari captures an essence of desperation that turns demonic by the film's end. After all, this is a horror story. Filmed in New Brunswick, watch for cameos by familiar faces like John Dunsworth (a.k.a. Mr. Lahey from Trailer Park Boys).

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Casting
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Baruchel on Buried

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FEATURE Most people know him as part of the posse of actors associated with writer/director Judd Apatow, but Jay Baruchel still makes Montreal his home base, and says he's grateful when he gets a chance to stay in Canada and make a film like Chaz Thorne's Just Buried, a black comedy about a no-hoper who inherits a rural funeral home from the father he barely knew.

"I'm always looking for an excuse to pay some rent and stay in Canada," says Baruchel, who began his career in Hollywood with a small role in Almost Famous before entering the Apatow universe with the brilliant-but-cancelled TV series Undeclared.

"I read one of the best scripts I'd ever read when I read Just Buried — laughed, read the whole thing through in one sitting and never had to force myself to keep reading.

"I hate using terms like this, but I really did fall in love with the character, man. The kid really did make me laugh, and it was very close to my sense of humour, this movie. I guess I've said it before, but when I read a script I really like — it's like when I meet a girl I really like — I get butterflies in my stomach.

"That's literally what happened, and my mind then goes to that neurotic, negative place, where it's like, 'There's no way this girl is single. There's no way this part isn't cast yet.' It was a full-court press — I was going to make it my mission to play Oliver. I had the most fun ever making that movie, man."

RICK MCGINNIS/METRO CANADA

Jay Baruchel will hit the big screen next week in Chaz Thorne's Just Buried.

The put-upon Oliver is of a piece with roles that Baruchel seems to have made his specialty, from Undeclared to Knocked Up to the upcoming Tropic Thunder and Fanboys. Does he worry about getting typecast?

"Yeah. I worry about getting cancer, too, but it's like all I can do is do the things that I like. And I know that I have no interest in playing parts that I've already played before. That being said, I've got to pay rent and buy cat food. No one knew I was in Million Dollar Baby until I mentioned it to them. I think that it's a testament to that movie — I take that as a compliment. I can't be in any danger of being typecast if I play a retarded Texas boxer, which is pretty far away from what I know."

Exploring sexuality, religion

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

FEATURE As a homosexual practicing Islam and living in the Middle East, Parvez Sharma says you often only have two options: Escape or invisibility.

"If you choose not to make a political statement around your gay identity, then for the most part you are left alone. It's only when you decide to undertake the act of coming out and start using Western terminology like gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered to define yourself that you start facing problems."

Subjects who have opted for both routes are explored in the director's documentary, A Jihad For Love, which premiered at last year's Toronto International Film Festival. The film follows a number of Muslim homosexuals living in Middle Eastern nations, examining what Sharma calls their jihad — the Arabic word for "struggle" — to uphold both their religion and sexuality. As observed in the film, the penalty in some countries of being an outed homosexual includes imprisonment, torture or even death. But Sharma says these exist as an exception, not a norm and his film is instead meant to highlight public opinion on homosexuality. "What the film teaches us is that there are great nuances and differences of opinion in terms of what actually can happen or should happen to a person if they're gay."

Sharma explains undergoing his own jihad in making the film, which took six years to complete. "I was going into what has essentially been invisible for a long time," he says.

Among tactics used to procure interviews, Sharma says he went through underground contact networks, HIV/AIDS organizations and personal friends.

The director faced further barriers by having to film in secret to protect the lives of his subjects.

Sharma says the experience was necessary to examine how religion, what he calls the last frontier for the LGBT community, coexists with sexuality.

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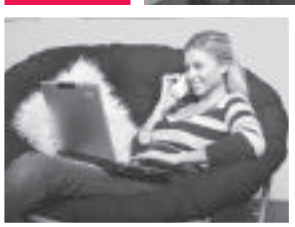

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506 Bloor St., 416-516-2330

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex (But Were Afraid to Ask) (STC) Sat 7
Flight of the Red Balloon (PG) Sun-Tue 4:30
Labyrinth (STC) Sat 2 Sun 2:15
Speed Racer (PG) Sat 4:15
Stuck (18A) Fri 4:30-9:30 Sat-Mon 9 Tue 9:20 Wed 7 Thu 4:30-9
Summer Toronto Film Challenge (STC) Fri 7
Vivre Sa Vie (STC) Sun-Tue 7
Young People F...ing (18A) Wed 4:30-9 Thu 7

CARLTON
20 Carlton St., 416-598-2309

The 4th Life (14A) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:30-7:30-9:55
The Edge of Heaven (German w/e.s.t.) (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-6:40-9:30
Flight of the Red Balloon (French w/e.s.t.) (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:20-7-9:45
Mongol (Mongolian w/e.s.t) (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:15-6:50-9:25
My Winnipeg (14A) Fri-Thu 2:10-4:50-7:10-9:15
Savage Grace (18A) Fri-Thu 2-4:40-6:55-9:10
Son of Rambow (PG) Fri-Thu 1:55-4:35-7:05-9:20
The Visitor (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:10-7:20-10
Young People F...ing (18A) Fri-Thu 1:35-4:45-7:15-9:40

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www.cinemathequeontario.ca

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L'Étranger(Lo Straniero) Sat 8:45
Ossessione(Obsession) Thu 7
Senso Tue 7
Tokyo Drifter(Tokyo Nagaremono) Sat 7
The Yellow Handkerchief of Happiness(Shiawase No Kiiroi Hankachi) Fri 9:15
Zigeunerweisen Mon 7

CUMBERLAND CINEMAS
159 Cumberland Ave., 416-646-0444

Brick Lane (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:30-10
Encounters at the End of the World (STC) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:45-7:45-10:20
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:45
Gonzo: The Life and Work of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:10

SCOTIABANK THEATRE TORONTO
259 Richmond St., 416-368-5600

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 11-2:30-6-9:30-1 No Passes Sun 11-2:30-6-9:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 2:30-6-9:30 No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-3-6:30-10 No Passes Fri 10:30-12:15-1:30-2-3:50-5-5:30-7:30-8:30-9-11:15-12-12:30 No Passes Sat 10-10:30-12:15-1:30-2-3:50-5-5:30-7:30-8:30-9-11:15-12-12:30 No Passes Sun 10:30-12:15-1:30-2-3:50-5-5:30-7:30-8:30-9-11:15 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:15-1:30-2-3:50-5-5:30-7:30-8:30-9-11:15
The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 8:30-12-3:30-7:10:30-1:30 No Passes Sun-Tue 12-3:30-7-10:30 No Passes Wed 12-7-10:30 No Passes Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 1-1:50-4-4:50-6:40-7:40-9:40-10:40
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Sat 9:20 Mon-Tue 9:20 Thu 9:20
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:10-6:20-9:10 Fri-Thu 11:40-2:10-4:40-7:20-10:15
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Tue 12:25-2:50-6:50 Wed 12:25-2:50 Thu 12:25-2:50-6:50
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:10-9:50
Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Sat 11:50-3:20-7:10-10:50 Sun 11:50-3:20-10:50 Mon-Thu 11:50-3:20-7:10-10:50
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:30-7:50-11
WWE: Great American Bash (STC) Sun 8

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Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-6:55-9:25
Hancock (PG) Fri 1-1:30-3-3:30-5-5:30-7:10-7:30-9:10-9:35-11:15 Sat-Mon 1-1:30-3-3:30-5-5:30-7:10-7:30-9:10-9:35 Tue 1-1:30-3-3:30-5-5:30-7:10-7:30-9:10-9:35-11:15 Wed-Thu 1-1:30-3-3:30-5-5:30-7:10-7:30-9:10-9:35
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WALL-E (G) Fri 1:20-3:45-7:9-10-11:10 Sat-Mon 1:20-3:45-7:9-10 Tue 1:20-3:45-7:9-10-11:10 Wed 1:20-3:45-7:9-10 Thu 3:45-7:9-10 Thu 1
Wanted (18A) Fri 1:40-4-6:45-9:20-11:30 Sat 1:40-4-6:45-9:20 Sun-Mon 4-9:20 Tue 1:40-4-6:45-9:20-11:30 Wed 4-9:20 Thu 1:40-4-6:45-9:20 Sun-Mon 1:40-6:45 Wed 1:40-6:45

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608 College St., 416-466-4400

A Jihad for Love (PG) Fri 7-9:30 Sat 4:30-7-9:30 Sun 2:30-4:30-7-9:30 Mon-Tue 7-9:30 Wed-Thu 7-9

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Hancock (PG) Fri-Sun 10-12:10-2:30-5-7:30-10:20 Mon-Thu 12:10-2:30-5-7:30-10:20 Fri-Wed 1:55-4:15-6:55-9:05 Thu 1:55-4:15
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Brick Lane (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:20-10
Iron Man (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:55-9:40
Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-6:40-9
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-6:30-8:50
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:50-7:40-10:10
Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-3-5-7:10-9:10

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The Stone Angel (14A) Fri-Sat 7 Sun 4:30 Tue-Thu 7

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Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:20-6:55-9:30
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10
WALL-E (G) Fri-Tue 12-2:30-5-7:25-9:50 Wed 4-9:50 Thu 12-2:30-5-7:25-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
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Get Smart (PG) Fri-Sun 10:50-12:50-1:50-3:50-4:50-6:40-7:40-9:35-10:35 Mon-Tue 12:50-1:50-3:50-4:50-6:40-7:40-9:35-10:35 Wed-Thu 12:50-1:50-3:50-6:40-9:35
The Happening (14A) Fri-Thu 12:40-5:25-10:10
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Special Engagement Fri-Sat 10:40-11:40-12:20-1-1:40-2:20-2:50-3:20-4-4:40-5:20-6-6:30-7-7:40-8:20-9-9:40-10:20-11 Sun 10:40-11:40-12:20-1-1:40-2:20-2:50-3:20-4-4:40-5:20-6-6:30-7-8:20-9-9:40-10:20 Mon 12:20-1-1:40-2:20-3:20-4-4:40-5:20-6:30-7-7:40-8:20-9:40-10:20 Tue 12:20-1-1:40-2:20-2:50-3:20-4-4:40-5:20-6-6:30-7-7:40-8:20-9-9:40-10:20 Wed-Thu 12:20-1-1:40-2:20-2:50-3:20-4-5:20-6-6:30-7-8:20-9-9:40-10:20
The Incredible Hulk (PG) Fri-Sat 11:20-1:35-2:20-4:35-5:35-7:35-8:25-10:35-11 Sun 11:20-1:35-2:20-4:35-5:35-7:35-8:25-10:35 Mon 1:35-2:20-4:35-7:35-10:35 Tue-Thu 1:35-2:20-4:35-5:35-7:35-8:25-10:35
Iron Man (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:35-6:35-9:35
Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G) Fri-Sun 10:20-2:55-7:40 Mon-Thu 2:55-7:40
The Love Guru (14A) Fri-Mon 12:40-3-5:30-8-10:20 Tue 12:40-3-10:20 Wed-Thu 12:40-3-5:30-8-10:20
Mamma Mia! (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sat 10:15-11-11:45-12:30-1:15-2-2:45-3:30-4:15-5-5:45-6:30-7:15-8-8:45-9:30-10:15-10:45-11:15 Special Engagement Sun 10:15-11-11:45-12:30-1:15-2-2:45-3:30-4:15-5-5:45-6:30-7:15-8-8:45-9:30-10:15-10:45 Special Engagement Thu 12:30-1:15-2-2:45-3:30-4:15-5:45-6:30-7:15-8:45-9:30-10:15 Mongol (14A) Fri-Sun 11:25-2:10-5:05-7:55-10:40 Mon-Thu 2:10-5:05-7:55-10:40
Space Chimps (G) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:45-12-1-2:15-3:15-4:30-5:30-6:45-7:45-9-10
Special Engagement Mon-Thu 12-1-2:15-3:15-4:30-5:30-6:45-7:45-9-10
WALL-E (G) Fri-Sun 10:45-11:30-12:15-12:45-1:45-2:30-3:15-3:45-4:30-5:15-6-6:45-7:15-8-8:30-9:15-9:45-10:30 Mon 12:15-12:45-1:45-2:30-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:45-7:15-8-9:15-9:45-10:30 Tue-Thu 12:15-12:45-1:45-2:30-3:15-3:45-4:30-5:15-6-6:45-7:15-8-8:30-9:15-9:45-10:30
You Don't Mess With the Zohan (14A) Fri-Sun 10:55-1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 Mon-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25

West End

ALBION CINEMAS
1530 Albion Rd., 416-742-3456

Jaane Tu Ya Jaane Na (PG) Fri 7:15 Sat-Sun 1-7:15 Mon-Thu 3:15-9:15
Kismat Konnection (STC) Fri 3:15-6:15-9:30-10:30 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:15-6:15-9:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:30
Thoda Pyaar Thoda Magic (PG) Fri-Sun 4:15 Mon-Thu 6:15

QUEENSWAY
1025 The Queensway, 416-503-0424

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-12-12:30-1-3:30-4-4:30-6:30-7-7:30-8-10-10:30-11-11:30
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:15-10:15
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 11:40-2:20-5-7:50-9:50-10:40
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Sat 12:20-1:30-3:35-4:35-6:50-7:40-10:10-10:45 Sun 12:20-1:30-3:35-4:35-6:50-7:35-10:10-10:45 Mon-Thu 12:20-1:30-3:35-4:35-6:50-7:40-10:10-10:45
The Incredible Hulk (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:10-6:25
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Sat 12:50-4:05-7:25-10:35 Sun 12:50-4:05-10:35 Mon-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:25-10:35
Iron Man (PG) Fri-Tue 9 Wed 9:55 Thu 9
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:25-5:05-7:45-10:25
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Tue 12:35-3:25-6:20 Wed 12:35-3:25 Thu 12:35-3:25-6:20
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-1:20-3:40-4:20-6:40-7:20-9:40-10:20
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:45-6:45
Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Sat 9:20 Mon-Thu 9:20
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:35-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:35
WALL-E (G) Fri-Mon 1:25-4:15-7:05-9:45 Tue 4:15-7:05-9:45 Wed 1:25-4:15-7:05 Thu 1:25-4:15-7:05-9:45 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:20-6:35-9:30
WWE: Great American Bash (STC) Sun 8

RAINBOW WOODBINE CENTRE
500 Rexdale Blvd., 416-213-1998

The Dark Knight (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-12:45-3:35-3:50-6:40-6:55-9:45-10
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:05-5:15-7:25-9:35
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 1-3:55-6:50-9:25
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-2:55-5:7:10-9:15
Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Thu 1:05-4:05-7:05-9:30
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3-5:10-7:15
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:40-9
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 9:20

BEACH CINEMAS
1651 Queen St. E., 416-699-5971

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-12-3:15-3:30-6:45-7:10:15-10:30
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4:15-7:15-9:45
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:30-7:45-10:45
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:45-7:30-10
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-6:30-9:30

FESTIVAL CINEMAS FOX THEATRE
2236 Queen St. E., 416-691-7330

Dr. Strangelove Or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb (STC) Tue 7
Forgetting Sarah Marshall (18A) Wed-Thu 7
The Party (STC) Tue 9
Sex and the City (18A) Fri 6:45 Sat-Sun 3:45-6:45 Mon 6:45
Son of Rambow (PG) Fri-Mon 9:30
Speed Racer (PG) Sat-Sun 1
Young People F...ing (18A) Wed-Thu 9:15

North York

SHEPPARD GRANDE
4861 Yonge St., 416-590-9974

Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:30-7-9:40
The Incredible Hulk (PG) Fri-Tue 1:40-4:20-7:50-10:30 Wed 1:40-4:20-10:30 Thu 1:40-4:20-7:50-10:30
Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:40-6:40-9:15
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4-6:20-9
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-1:15-3:30-4:10-6:30-7:10-9:30-10:10
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:15-2:30-4:40-6:50-9:50
WALL-E (G) Fri 12-2:20-4:50-7:20-10 Sat-Thu 11:55-2:20-4:50-7:20-10
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:30-7:30-10:20
You Don't Mess With the Zohan (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:45-7:40-10:25

EMPIRE THEATRES EMPRESS WALK
5095 Yonge St., 416-223-9550

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 12-12:45-1:30-2:30-3:30-4:45-5:45-7:7:30-8:15-9:30-10:20-10:45-11:30 No Passes Sun-Thu 12-12:45-1:30-2:30-3:30-4:45-5:45-7:7:30-8:15-9:30-10:20-10:45
Hancock (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30-3-6:50-7:45-9:45-10:15 Sun 12:30-3-6:50-9:45 Mon-Thu 12:30-

Movie morsels

Hancock

Comic book aficionados will spot the patchwork of some of the genre's classically corruptible characters that make up Will Smith's flawed protagonist: Hancock drinks like Tony Stark, causes mayhem like Bruce Banner's better half, and like X-Man, is a nearly indestructible boor who can't remember his past. Like all three, he has his heart in the right place when it comes to saving the world.

Brian Towie/Metro Canada

Hellboy II

Just before the climactic battle in Guillermo del Toro's Hellboy sequel, we're reminded of a prophetic plot point from the first film that both sets up Hellboy III — or IV or V; it's obvious no one's really bothered by this dose of dramatic Xanax — and deflates the conflict to come by underlining the likelihood that the hero will survive to fight another day.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Journey To The Center Of The Earth

Brendan Fraser stars in this 3-D film, which features, among other exercises of the medium, a thick glob of dinosaur drool launching from the screen and into your eye. An updating of the classic Jules Verne tale for the green screen age, it's been given the full-on 3-D treatment by director Eric Brevig with an unrestrained enthusiasm for the film's primary technical parlour trick. While you don't want to think too much about what Journey has to say about plate techtonics or zoology, its hurtling pace and unabashed enthusiasm for every unlikely new peril is the best thing about the film.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Meet Dave

Eddie Murphy plays both a human-shaped spaceship named Dave and the tiny alien captain controlling his every move. On a quest to find a mysterious orb that crashed to Earth, he meets a family and learns the true lesson of friendship. It's a tricky role and Murphy mostly pulls it off but sloppy special effects and annoying supporting characters drag Dave down.

Steve Gow for Metro Canada

Wall-E

In the absence of his creators, who are cruising the universe, Wall-E, the big-eyed trash-compacting robot, is left to dig mankind out of its own mess on an earth.

He has developed a lovelorn little soul, until Eve arrives. Eve is a sleek creature looking for signs of plant life that would mean Earth is becoming habitable again.

When she's taken to the mothership after finding the seedling Wall-E's been tending, he hitches along for the ride. It's sweet, but not cloying.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

3-6:50-7:45-9:45-10:15
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) No Passes Fri-Mon 1:45-2:15-4:30-5:15-7:20-8-10:30 Tue-Thu 1:45-2:15-4:30-5:15-7:20-8-10:30
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:10-7:10
Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Mon 12:15-2:40-5:10-7:40-10 Tue-Thu 12:15-2:40-5:10-7:40-10
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:15
Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Thu 9:40
WWE: Great American Bash (STC) Sun 8

SILVERCITY YORKDALE 6
3401 Dufferin St., 416-444-3456

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-12:15-3:15-3:45-6:45-7:15-10:15-10:45
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:40-6:30-9:30
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:15-7:50-10:30
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:30-7:30-10:40
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:20-5-7:40-10:10
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 3:30-6:15-9
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:15-4:50-7:20-9:50
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:45-10:20

Scarborough

COLISEUM SCARBOROUGH
300 Borough Dr., 416-290-5217

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 11:45-12:15-12:45-1:15-3:10-3:40-4:10-4:40-6:35-7:05-7:35-8-10-10:30-11 No Passes Sun-Thu 11:45-12:15-12:45-1:15-3:10-3:40-4:10-4:40-6:35-7:05-7:35-8-10-10:30
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Sat 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:45 Sun 12:50-3:50-10:40 Mon-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:45
Hancock Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:10-9:50-10:10
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:30-6:40-9:40 Fri-Thu 1-4-7:20-10:20
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12-2:25-4:50-7:20-10
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:20-4:55-7:25
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-7-9:30
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:30-10:25
WWE: Great American Bash (STC) Sun 8

EGLINTON TOWN CENTRE
1901 Eglinton Ave. E., 416-752-4494

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 11:30-12-12:30-1-3-3:30-4-4:30-6:30-7-7:30-8-10-10:30-11-11:30 No Passes Mon-Thu 11:30-12-12:30-1-3-3:30-4-4:30-6:30-7-7:30-8-10-10:30-11
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:35-7:15-10:20
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:15-6:45-9:30
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 11:55-1:30-2:50-4:50-6:35-7:50-9:25-10:50
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:45-7:35-10:40
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:45-6:40-9:15
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Sat 11:50-2:25-6:25-9:05 Sun 11:50-2:25 Mon-Thu 11:50-2:25-6:25-9:05
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40 No Passes Sun 12:40-4:10-6:40-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Wed 11:45-2:20-6:20-8:55 Thu 6:20-8:55 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:40-2:05-4:25-6:50-9:35
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 11:35-2:15-4:55-7:40-10:25
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:40-7:20-10:35
WWE: Great American Bash (STC) Sun 8

401 & MORNINGSIDE
785 Milner Ave., 416-281-2226

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-12:15-12:45-3:10-3:40-4:10-6:35-7:05-7:35-10:10:30-11
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 9:30
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:55-10:40
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:30-7:45-10:45
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:25-5-7:25-10:20
Mamma Mia! No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:50
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-3-6:25
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:30-4:50-7:20-9:35
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:15-4:40-7:15-9:40
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:45-10:15

KENNEDY COMMONS 20
33 William Kitchen Rd., 416-335-5323

Before the Rains (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-5:05-7:25-9:50
Brick Lane (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-5:05-7:25-9:50
The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Thu 1:10-4:15
The Happening (14A) SDDS Digital Fri 1:40-3:50-6-8:10-10:20 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 11:30-1:40-3:50-6-8:10-10:20 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 1:40-3:50-6-8:10-10:20
The Incredible Hulk (PG) SDDS Digital Fri 2-4:50-7:40-10:30 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 11:10-2-4:50-7:40-10:30 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 2-4:50-7:40-10:30
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) SDDS Digital Fri 2:05-4:45-7:30-10:20 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 11:20-2:05-4:45-7:30-10:20 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 2:05-4:45-7:30-10:20
Iron Man (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-10:10
Kismat Konnection (STC) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Thu 12:3:15-6:30-9:45
Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G) SDDS Digital Fri 2:15-4:40-7:05-9:35 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 11:55-2:15-4:40-7:05-9:35 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 2:15-4:40-7:05-9:35
Kung Fu Panda (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Thu 12:30-1:15-2:45-3:30-5:5-45-7:15-8-9:30-10:15
The Love Guru (14A) SDDS Digital Fri 1:45-3:55-6:05-8:15-10:25 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 11:35-1:45-3:55-6:05-8:15-10:25 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 1:45-3:55-6:05-8:15-10:25
Mamma Mia! (PG) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri 12:15-1-2-2:45-3:30-4:30-5:15-6-7-7:45-8:30-9:30-10:15 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Sat-Sun 10:30-11:30-12:15-1-2-2:45-3:30-4:30-5:15-6-7-7:45-8:30-9:30-10:15 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Mon-Thu 12:15-1-2-2:45-3:30-4:30-5:15-6-7-7:45-8:30-9:30-10:15
Mongol (14A) SDDS Digital Fri 2:05-4:45-7:35-10:25 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 11:25-2:05-4:45-7:35-10:25 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 2:05-4:45-7:35-10:25
Sex and the City (18A) SDDS Digital Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:20
Space Chimps (G) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri 1-3-5-7-9 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Sat-Sun 11-1-3-5-7-9 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1-3-5-7-9
The Visitor (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Thu 7:20-9:45
You Don't Mess With the Zohan (14A) SDDS Digital Fri 2:20-4:55-7:30-10:05 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 11:50-2:20-4:55-7:30-10:05 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 2:20-4:55-7:30-10:05
Young People F...ing (18A) SDDS Digital Fri 1:25-3:35-5:45-7:55-10:05 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 11:15-1:25-3:35-5:45-7:55-10:05 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 1:25-3:35-5:45-7:55-10:05

WOODSIDE CINEMAS
1571 Sandhurst Circle, 416-299-3456

Jaane Tu Ya Jaane Na (PG) Fri 9:30 Sat-Sun 12:15-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:30
Kismat Konnection (STC) Fri 3:15-6:15-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:15-3:15-6:15-9:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 3:15-6:15-9:15
Mehbooba (STC) Fri-Thu 3:15
Thoda Pyaar Thoda Magic (PG) Fri-Sun 6:30 Mon-Thu 9:30

GTA

Peel Region

COLISEUM 10
309 Rathburn Rd., 905-275-3456

The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 11:45-1-3:30-4:30-7-8-10:30-11:30 No Passes Sun-Wed 11:45-1-3:30-4:30-7-8-10:30 No Passes Thu 11:45-1-3:30-4:30-7-10:30 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-4-7:30-11
The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:20-6:45-10
Hancock (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-1:10-3:40-4:20-6:30-7:20-9-10:10:10 Mon 12:20-1:10-3:40-4:20-6:30-9:10-10:10 Tue 12:20-1:10-3:40-4:20-6:30-7:20-9-10:10:10 Wed 12:20-3:40-4:20-6:30-7:20-9-10:10:10 Thu 12:20-1:10-3:40-4:20-6:30-7:20-9-10:10:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-1:30-3:10-4:40-6:40-7:50-9:40-10:45
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Sat 9 Mon-Thu 9
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:20-5-7:40-10:40
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:45-6:20-9:20 Sun 12:40-3:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:45-6:20-9:20
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:15
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 11:30-2-4:45-7:45-10:20
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7:10-10:15
WWE: Great American Bash (STC) Sun 8

COURTNEY PARK 16
110 Courtney Park Dr., 905-362-1210

The Dark Knight (14A) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sat 10-10:45-12-12:45-1:30-2:15-3:30-4:15-5:5-45-7-7:45-8:30-9:15-10:30-11:15-12-12:45 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Sun 10-10:45-12-12:45-1:30-2:15-3:30-4:15-5:5-45-7-7:45-8:30-9:15-10:30 SDDS Digital, Special Engage. Mon-Thu 12-12:45-1:30-2:15-3:30-4:15-5:5-45-7-7:45-8:30-9:15-10:30
Get Smart (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Sun 11:10-1:50-4:40-7:15-9:45 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:15-9:45
Hancock SDDS Digital Fri-Sun 11:30-2-2:45-4:30-5:15-7-7:45-9:30-10:15 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 11:30-2-2:45-4:30-5:15-7-7:45-9:30-10:15
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sat 11-1:30-2:15-4:35-5:15-7:30-8:15-10:30-11:30 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Sun 11-1:30-2:15-4:35-5:15-7:30-8:15-10:30 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 1:30-2:15-4:35-5:15-7:30-8:15-10:30
The Incredible Hulk (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Sat 7:30-10-12:30 SDDS Digital Sun-Thu 7:30-10
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:45-2:45-5:10-7:40-10:10 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 2:45-5:10-7:40-10:10
Kung Fu Panda (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Sun 11:30-1:45-4:15 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 1:45-4:15
Mamma Mia! (PG) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sat 11-1:30-4-6:30-9-11:30 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Sun 11-1:30-4-6:30-9 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Mon-Thu 1:30-4-6:30-9
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WALL-E (G) SDDS Digital Fri-Sun 11-1:25-4:05-6:25-9 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 1:25-4:05-6:25-9
Wanted (18A) SDDS Digital Fri-Sat 11:15-2:10-5-8-11 SDDS Digital Sun 11:15-2:10-5-8-10 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 2:10-5-8-10
You Don't Mess With the Zohan (14A) SDDS Digital Fri-Thu 12:10

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Made of Honor (PG) Fri-Sun 4:30-7:10-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:20
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The Strangers (14A) Fri-Sun 4:40-7:20-9:20 Mon-Thu 5-7:40

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Hancock (PG) Fri-Mon 12:30-2:50-5:25-8-10:35 Tue 5:25-8-10:35 Wed-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:25-8-10:35 Star & Strollers Screening Tue 1
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:10-7:05-10:25
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:40-5:15-7:40-10:10
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:25-4:35
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-2:55-5:10-7:25-9:35
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:30-9:55
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 6:50-9:45

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The Incredible Hulk (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:20-10:15
Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:20-6:40-9:20
Kung Fu Panda Fri-Thu 12:15-3:40-6:20-9:10
The Love Guru (14A) Fri-Thu 9:50
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-1:30-3:30-4:30-6:30-7:30-9:30-10:30
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:10-6:50
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-7:50-10:10
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:40
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The Happening (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 6:30-8:50
The Incredible Hulk (PG) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-3:55-6:40-9:20
Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:05-3:40
The Love Guru (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1-3:15-5:30-7:50-10
Mamma Mia! (PG) Stadium Seating, THX, No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-2:20-4:10-5-6:50-7:40-9:30-10:20
Sex and the City (18A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:45-3:50-7:10-10
Space Chimps (G) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:50-3-5:10-7:20-9:40
You Don't Mess With the Zohan (14A) Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:50

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Get Smart (PG) Fri-Sat 9:15 Sun-Thu 12
Hancock (PG) Fri-Sat 11:25 Sun-Thu 9:25
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Sat 9:25 Sun-Thu 11:20
Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Sat 11:40 Sun-Thu 9:20
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Get Smart Fri-Wed 12:30 Star & Strollers Thu 1
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4:50-7:50-10:30
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:30-7:30-10:40
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3-6:30-9:15
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:10
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 3:30
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:10-4:20-6:40-9
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:40-7:40-10:20
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 6:20-9:30

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The Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:20-6:45-10
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 11:45-1:10-2:30-3:50-5:05-6:30-7:45-9:15-10:25
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-1:15-3:45-4:10-7:10-7:35-10:15-10:45
The Incredible Hulk (PG) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:30-7:25-10:35
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:55-7:15-10:30
Iron Man (PG) Fri-Sat 9:50 Mon-Thu 9:50
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:50-5:25-8:10-10:40 Fri-Thu 11:50-2:20-5-7:40-10:10
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:25
The Love Guru (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3-5:30-7:55-10:50
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-1:20-3:40-4:20-6:40-7:20-9:40-10:20
Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Sat 12-3:15-6:50-10:05 Sun 12-3:15-10:05 Mon-Thu 12-3:15-6:50-10:05
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:10-2:45-5:15-7:50-10:15
WWE: Great American Bash (STC) Sun 8

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Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 6:40-9:15
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3-7:20-9:50
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:10-4:15-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 1:10-4:15-7:15-10
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:40-3:15-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:15-6:30-9:10
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:50
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:15-4-7:30-10:15
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:50
Space Chimps (G) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:45-5-7:10-9:30
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-7-9:20
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 9:45

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Get Smart (PG) Fri-Wed 12:10-3:40 Thu 12:10
Hancock Fri-Thu 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:30-10:20
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-6:30-9:30
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 12-2:30-5-8-10:30
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7:10
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-5:10-7:50-9:55
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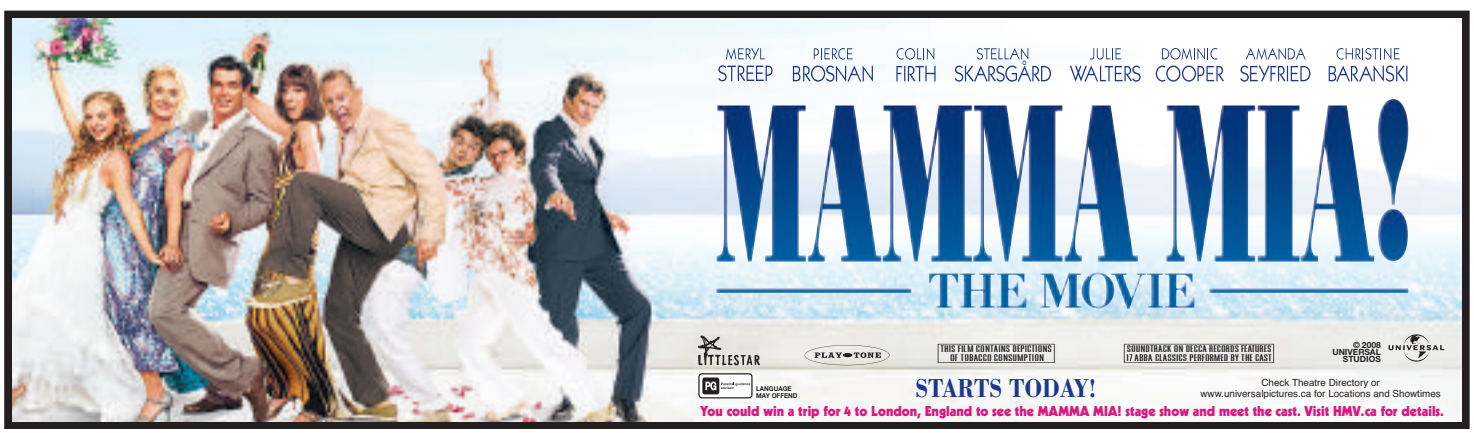
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The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG) Fri 3:30-7:05-10:10 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:30-7:05-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:30-7:05-10:10
Deception (14A) Fri-Thu 1:50-7:05
The Forbidden Kingdom (PG) Fri 2:20-5:05-7:40-10:20 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:20-5:05-7:40-10:20 Mon-Thu 2:20-5:05-7:40-10:20
Forgetting Sarah Marshall (18A) Fri-Thu 1:40-4:25-7:10-10:05
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The Happening (14A) Fri 1:55-4:30-7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:40-1:55-4:30-7:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 1:55-4:30-7:15-9:45
Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (18A) Fri-Wed 1:35-4:05-6:45-9:20 Thu 1:35-4:05-6:45
Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G) Fri 2:05-4:50-7:25-9:55 Sat-Sun 11:25-2:05-4:50-7:25-9:55 Mon-Thu 2:05-4:50-7:25-9:55
Love Story 2050 (PG) Fri 6:40 Sat-Sun 12:10-6:40 Mon-Thu 6:40
Made of Honor (PG) Fri 3:10-5:35-8:05-10:35 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:10-5:35-8:05-10:35 Mon-Thu 3:10-5:35-8:05-10:35
Meet Dave (PG) Fri 2:30-3:30-4:45-5:45-7:8-9:30-10:30 Sat-Sun 11-12:15-1:15-2:30-3:30-4:45-5:45-7-8-9:30-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:30-3:30-4:45-5:45-7-8-9:30-10:30
The Other Boleyn Girl (14A) Fri-Thu 3:50-10:20
The Strangers (14A) Fri 2:55-5:30-8:25-10:40 Sat 12:40-2:55-5:30-8:25-10:40 Sun 12:40-2:55-5:30-8:25-10:35 Mon-Thu 2:55-5:30-8:25-10:35
Then She Found Me (14A) Fri-Thu 2:10-6:55
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What Happens in Vegas (PG) Fri 2:20-5-7:20-9:45 Sat-Sun 11:55-2:20-5-7:20-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:20-5-7:20-9:45
You Don't Mess With the Zohan (14A) Fri 1:35-2:25-4:15-5:10-6:50-7:45-9:35-10:35 Sat-Sun 11:05-11:40-1:35-2:25-4:15-5:10-6:50-7:45-9:35-10:35 Mon-Wed 1:35-2:25-4:15-5:10-6:50-7:45-9:35-10:35 Thu 1:35-2:25-4:15-5:10-6:50-7:45-10:35

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Hancock Fri-Thu 12:40-2:45-4:45-6:55-9:10
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-7-9:25
Mamma Mia! (PG) Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15-6:50-9:20 Mon 4:15-6:50-9:20 Tue-Thu 1:15-4:15-6:50-9:20 Mon 1
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5-7:15-9:30 WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-7:10-9:15

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Get Smart (PG) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-6:50-9:45
Hancock Fri-Thu 11:40-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:45
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 12:35-1:30-3:45-4:15-6:55-7:20-10:10-10:20
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull Fri-Sat 12:25-3:35-6:45-10:15 Sun 12:25-3:35-10:15 Mon-Thu 12:25-3:35-6:45-10:15
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-2:20-5-7:40-10:05
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:50-5:35-8:10-10:25
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10
Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Sat 6:35-9:55 Sun 6:35 Mon-Thu 6:35-9:55
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-3:10-5:40-8:20-10:35
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 12:2:45-5:30-8:15-10:40
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:20-9:10
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The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 11:30-12-12:30-1-3-3:30-4-4:30-6:30-7-7:30-8-10-10:30-11-11:30 No Passes Sun-Thu 11:30-12-12:30-1-3-3:30-4-4:30-6:30-7-7:30-8-10-10:30-11
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:25-7:15-10:20 Sun 1-4-7:15 Mon-Wed 1:30-4:25-7:15-10:20 Thu 4:25-7:15-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Hancock (PG) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:40 Sun-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:50
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Sat 1:15-4:20-7:25-10:50 Sun-Thu 1:15-4:20-7:25-10:45
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 8:30
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Sat 11:40-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:25 Sun-Thu 11:40-2:30-5:10-7:50-10:30
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:50-6:10
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:15
Sex and the City (18A) Fri-Sat 6:20-9:50 Sun 9:50 Mon-Thu 6:20-9:50
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Sat 11:45-2:15-5-7:35-10 No Passes Thu 11:45-2:15-5-7:35-10 No Passes Sun-Wed 11:45-2:15-5-7:30-10 No Passes Thu 11:45-2:15-5-7:35-10
WALL-E (G) Fri-Sat 11:35-2-4:45-7:20-10:05 Sun-Thu 11:35-2-4:45-7:20-10:15
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:15-7:10-10:10
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The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:1-3:30-4:30-7-8-10:30 No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-4-7:30-11
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:20 Sun 1:30-4:20-7 Mon-Tue 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:20 Wed 4:20-7:20-10:20 Thu 1:30-4:20-7:20-10:20 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Hancock (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:50-9:30
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:40-10:40
Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Sat 6:40-9:40 Sun 9:40 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:40
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:15-9:50
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45
Space Chimps (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:20-9:50
WALL-E (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-7:10-10
Wanted (18A) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25
WWE: Great American Bash (STC) Sun 8

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Asi Moor Wattani Nu Aaye (in Punjabi) (PG) Fri-Thu 12:05-3:35-7:05-10:35
The Dark Knight (14A) No Passes Fri-Sat 11:45-12:15-1:15-3:15-3:45-4:45-6:45-7:15-8:15-10:15-10:45-11:45 No Passes Sun-Thu 11:45-12:15-1:15-3:15-3:45-4:45-6:45-7:15-8:15-10:15-10:45 No Passes Fri-Sat 12:45-4:15-7:45-11:15 No Passes Sun-Mon 12:45-4:15-7:45 No Passes Tue 12:45-4:15-7:45-11:15 No Passes Wed-Thu 12:45-4:15-7:45
Get Smart (PG) Fri-Sat 6:40-9:50 Sun 9:50 Mon-Thu 6:40-9:50
Hancock (PG) Fri-Sat 12:10-2:55-5:40-8:20-11 Sun-Thu 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:10
Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14A) Fri-Sat 1:05-2-4:10-5:10-7:25-8:30-10:25-11:30 Sun-Thu 12:10-1:05-3:20-4:10-6:35-7:25-9:55-10:40
Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-4:05-6:55-9:45
Kismat Konnection (Hindi w/e.s.t.) (STC) Fri-Thu 12:30-5-9
Kung Fu Panda (PG) Fri-Sat 12:40-3:30-6:30-9:20 Sun 12:40-3:30-6:30 Mon-Thu 12:40-3:30-6:30-9:20
Mamma Mia! (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 1-4-7-10
Meet Dave (PG) Fri-Sat 1:20-3:50 Sun-Thu 12:55-3:50
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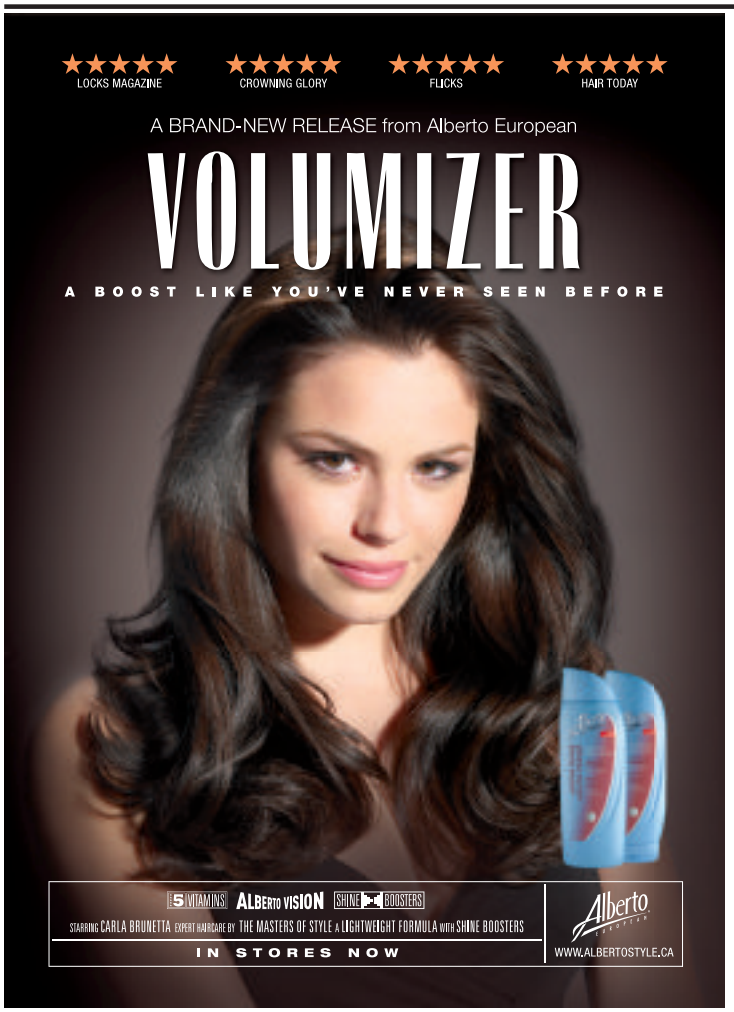
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Music

Vampire Weekend bites back

Despite success of African-inspired album, indie act works to shed 'world' label

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Vampire Weekend faces the danger of getting killed with kindness.

Sources in the know have gushed over the four Ivy League preppies from New York — named by Spin Magazine as "The Year's Best New Band" in their March 2008 issue — and how they've appropriated African sounds into their perky, self-titled indie pop release. The album earned ubiquitous comparisons with Paul Simon's 1986 Grammy Award-winning Graceland, a work he recorded in South Africa that featured several of that country's artists. But Vampire Weekend accepts the praise "with a grain of salt," says keyboardist Rostam Batmanglij. One can easily tell the band frets that the "world music" label the press has given them, and that the Columbia University grads consider inaccurate, might stick.

"F—k them!" he says over the phone from Utrecht, Holland. "I've read stuff about us that the press has written and half the time they don't know what they're talking about. Parts of it are definitely inspired by African music and world beat, but we think it sounds pretty Western. It's a blitz: You can't go anywhere without hearing someone's opinion and everyone wants to respond to what's said about them."

Possibly a much more difficult handle to rebuke given recent events: World beat maestro Peter Gabriel released a cover of Vampire Weekend's single Cape Cod Kwassa Kwassa — VW's version made Rolling Stone's 100 Best Songs of the Year — as a response to the band dropping the ex-Genesis member's name to hand-drummed Congloese dance music, Kenyan benga beats and off-time guitar licks. Batmanglij says British electro-pop act Hot Chip provides the instrumentals while Gabriel lends vocals.

"It's pretty surreal to hear him (Gabriel) cover us because he's so huge," Batmanglij said. "But I think it's cool. You get the feel of his music in the cover."

In the meantime, the band has set to work penning songs for their sophomore effort, experimenting with two new tracks at the recent Bonaroo and Glastonbury festivals. Batmanglij says the second will have less of an afro-beat, but will still feature an eclectic mosaic of various global styles — one features a back-up six-string for frontman Ezra Koenig, and an electric backing track. For Batmanglij, a return home to record might be the most welcome part of it all.

"We're interested in plurality in our music and combining points of view," he said. "It's definitely going to be different, and we're looking forward to getting back to New York to do it. Since the album came out, we've had this 'out-of-town' lifestyle. It's hard to justify paying my rent."

Vampire Weekend's self-titled debut has drawn comparisons to Paul Simon's Graceland.

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Rostam Batmanglij

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Opening for McCartney
The 200,000 people expected to flock to the Plains of Abraham in Quebec City on Sunday to catch Paul McCartney will also get to hear the Stills, left, after the ex-Beatle picked the Montreal band to open the show. THE CANADIAN PRESS

album chart

The following are the top 10 pop albums according to Billboard Magazine:
1. Tha Carter III, Lil Wayne
2. Viva La Vida Or Death And All His Friends, Coldplay
3. Camp Rock Soundtrack, Various Artists
4. Modern Guilt, Beck
5. Rock N Roll Jesus, Kid Rock
6. NOW 28, Various artists
7. Mamma Mia! Soundtrack, Various Artists
8. Good Girl Gone Bad: Reloaded, Rihanna
9. T.O.S. (Terminate On Sight), G Unit
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7 Low — Flo Rida
8 When I Grow Up — The Pussycat Dolls
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Tales to rock the campfire

Dazzle your friends with these tidbits from the world of music

SoundCheck

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I'm not quite sure how we let this happen, but July is already half over. Adding insult is an unkind calendar That has allowed Labour Day to fall on Sept. 1, the earliest possible it can be. In other words, if you haven't started enjoying summer, best get to it.

With that in mind, here are 10 things about rock music that you can use to dazzle people around the campfire or the barbecue:

Johnny Rotten, leader of Sex Pistols is married to a woman named Nora Forster. She's an heir to a German publishing and media fortune worth an estimated $100 million. Meanwhile, Johnny has apparently made a nice killing in the real estate market.

Jack White of The White Stripes once aspired to be a priest. As a real-life altar boy in Detroit, he was cast in a 1987 movie called The Rosary Murders.

As a kid, Eddie Vedder was a professional model, appearing in department store catalogues as well as several TV commercials and at least one episode of the original Bozo The Clown.

While attending University College London, Coldplay's Chris Martin was the captain of the men's field hockey team.

Billy Talent used to be known as "Pezz." Pez, the candy company famous for its dispensers, was not impressed and threatened to sue.

Between the time they were formed and their retirement, the Ramones played exactly 2,262 shows. Johnny Ramone documented every single one of them.

Blur bassist Alex James has retired to the English countryside where he's become a master cheese maker. He's known for a variety of goat's cheese he calls "Little Wallop."

Stephen Hawking, the renowned wheelchair-bound physicist, is a major fan of Depeche Mode. He wrote them a number of fan letters, asking to meet them.

The Longest Pop/Rock Song Ever: In 1996, Chris Butler released The Devil Glitch. Its 500 verses unfolded over a little more than 69 minutes. Bonus fact: Chris wrote both the theme for the TV show Square Pegs and the track Christmas Wrapping For The Waitresses.

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But That's Nothing: John Cage's As Slow As Possible is currently being performed on an organ at a church in Halberstadt, Germany. It began on Sept. 5, 2001, and is scheduled to end in 2640 after 639 years. (FYI: Weights are used to hold down keys on the organ.)

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The respective psychobilly four-piece and eclectic punk rock outfits, both from Ontario's Golden Horseshoe region, are among the Canadian contingent participating in the Vans Warped Tour — a long, hard slog across the continent that sees its participating bands head to more than 40 cities for the better part of two months.

For its part, the Juno-nominated Cartel is looking forward to the high profile its upcoming September release and self-titled debut album will get from the tour — a work that would make Rancid's Tim Armstrong pleased as punch with its ska-infused punk hooks and walking bass, particularly on single Blonde Kryptonite.

"I guess you could call it punk, but our stuff comes from everywhere and anywhere," says lead guitarist Rob Pasalic. "For the second one we'll have a better idea of what we're doing. We're developing as a band."

But the life on the road will be an arduous one, going from town to town for a month and a half with only three days off in between. A day on tour isn't exactly 9 to 5, either. Mimicking a gun with two fingers to his temple, Pasalic describes the six-man act travelling across the continent in close quarters, reaching the tour site in the early mornings, rehearsing, setting up their merchandise booth and doing press all day before even performing their set.

Canada is a particularly difficult touring assignment, says Pasalic, due to the wide distances between infrequent stops. "Yeah, it's a great opportunity and we're excited, but the touring's a bitch," laughs Pasalic. "At least we get a bus this time. Last tour we went on it was all of us with equipment in a cramped little van, and you'd have to sit like that all night until you got to the next venue."

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JULY 25
7:00 PM & 9:30 PM
With special guests
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Hosted by
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Gerry Dee
Jeff Ross
Kevin Hart
Wendy Liebman

JULY 26
7:00 PM & 9:30 PM
With special guests
The Daily Show's JOHN OLIVER & LARRY MILLER
Hosted by
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Saturday Night Live, Late Night with Jimmy Fallon
Craig Robinson
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John Caparulo
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7:00 PM & 9:30 PM
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JULY 25 AND 26
7:00 PM & 9:30 PM
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More to come ABC Family is expected to announce that it has ordered 13 additional episodes of The Secret Life Of The American Teenager, the promising drama from 7th Heaven creator Brenda Hampton **REUTERS**

CDReviews

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John Mellencamp

Album: Life, Death, Love And Freedom
Label: Hear Music
Release date: July 15

JOHN MELLENCAMP TAKES on the persona of a cranky old man sitting in a rocking chair with a shotgun across his lap. He's doing battle with the grim reaper in a voice that's raspy, raw, bitter and angry. This is not for John Cougar fans, but for lovers of Steve Earle and Springsteen's Nebraska. Mellencamp and roots uber-producer T-Bone Burnett have cut a masterful country-blues album. **Graham Rockingham**

Nas

Album: Untitled
Label: Def Jam
Release date: July 15

UNTITLED IS Nas' reflection on U.S. race relations. He's big on hypocrisy.

As he wonders on Sly Fox, why is the violence of movies such as Kill Bill celebrated, yet criticized in hip-hop lyrics? Nas should look in the mirror. He praises women, but also uses clichéd female references. He says there aren't enough blacks in NASA, yet lauds gangsters. Aside from the occasionally inflammatory lyrics, Untitled is pop friendly. Backup vocals, jazzy guitar and soft keyboards help lay the foundation for Nas' articulate rhymes. **Jim Reyno**

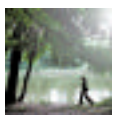
Dirty Pretty Things

Album: Romance At Short Notice
Label: Mercury/Universal
Release date: July 8

SORRY PETE DOHERTY fans, but Dirty Pretty Things is the only good thing that came out of the breakup of the Libertines. A thoroughly English sounding band with the balls of The Stranglers and the wit of the Kinks. Kids everywhere should be singing Hippy's Son to their dads. This album only occasionally veers off track into silly Beatlesque psychedelia. **Graham Rockingham**

Carla Bruni

Album: Comme si de Rien N'était **Label:** Naïve
Release date: July 15



SOME PEOPLE will pan Carla Bruni's new record simply because she's married to French President Nicolas Sarkozy. But take a listen to Comme si de Rien N'était and you see that this model-turned-singer-turned-political figure is one talented first lady. Her third disc is full of soft, acoustic tracks, which touch on childhood, life at 40 and her famous husband. It's all very pleasant, but she's not as passionate as fellow Frenchie Karen Ann, who does baroque pop better. Still, after a couple spins it won't matter who this songstress is sleeping with. **Bryan Borzykowski**

The Hold Steady

Album: Stay Positive
Label: Vagarant/Universal
Release date: July 15

JUST BECAUSE early 20-somethings make up the bulk of bands, doesn't mean older dudes have nothing to offer. The Hold Steady, who are in their late 30s, proved that with their hugely popular disc, Boys And Girls In America, and they've done it again on Stay Positive. While this album is about a band growing older, trying to find its place in life, musically these guys sound as eager as any new act. Their straightforward indie rock tunes are the most infectious of their career, so let's hope retirement is a long way off. **Bryan Borzykowski**

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Emmy hype hits fever pitch

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NUMBINATED: Ken Ehrlich, the executive producer of the upcoming Emmy awards, is hardly the first — and won't be the last — to call the Emmy nominations announced yesterday a "changing of the guard."

The big news — or at least the news you're going to hear most — is that this year's Emmys mark the moment when basic cable, and not just HBO, got its leg up over the networks and surveyed the land with a conqueror's hunger. AMC, FX and Showtime each got nominated in the prestigious best drama category with Mad Men, Damages and Dexter, respectively, while former network favourites such as Grey's Anatomy and Ugly Betty were left with a fraction of the nomination nods they've gotten in previous years. HBO, for the first time in years, was locked out of the best drama award. It needn't feel too bad, however, as John Adams, its historical miniseries starring Paul Giamatti as the second U.S. president, led the pack with 23 nominations, and a solid lead over runners-up 30 Rock (17 nominations), Mad Men (16 nominations) and Pushing Daisies (12 – more nominations than actual episodes in its truncated first season, as E! Online pointed out.)

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

FRIDAY

TO	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
7/18/08 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	Around the World		The Best of The Agenda		Heartbeat		Allan Gregg	Film 101	Best-Agenda
	211	331	3 GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	Very Bad Men		NUMB3RS (HDTV)		Friday Night Lights		News (N)
	215	343	4 OMN1	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	News (N)		Vivere Il	News (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Metropia
	210	302	6 CBC	Coronation St.	Laughs	Air Farce Live	Comedy Fest	MVP-Lives of Hockey Wives		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7 CITY	Friends	Hollywood	Bio.: Reese Witherspoon		Stargate SG-1 (DVS)		The Collector (DVS)		News (N)
	212	313	8 CTV	eTalk	Jeopardy! (N)	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Flashpoint "First in Line"		News (N)
	218	345	11 E!	The Insider (N)	E News	Greatest Myst.	Greatest Myst.	Dr. 90210 Penile implant.		20/20		News (N)
	-	387	16 CBS	Inside Edition	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)		NUMB3RS (HDTV)		Flashpoint "First in Line"		News (N)
	-	385	17 NBC	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Outrageous	Outrageous	Dateline NBC				News (N)
	-	386	18 ABC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Funniest Home Videos		Duel (N)		20/20		News (N)
	219	346	20 ACH-B	Wheel-Fortune	Degrassi: Next	Dance Machine		Duel (N)		Jeff Ltd.	Bravo! Fact	News (N)
	-	-	28 FOX	Judge Judy	Two/Half Men	The Animal ★ (2001, Comedy) Rob Schneider.				Seinfeld	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons
	-	388	61 PBS	News-Lehrer	Summer Wine	Dial M for Murder ★★★ (1954, Mystery) Ray Milland.				Fawlty Towers	Wash. Week	Business Rpt.
sports	500	500	33 CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live UFOs.		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
	405	417	22 net	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Tampa Bay Rays. (HDTV) (Live)						Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet Con.
	400	400	30 TSN	Interruption	PartyPoker.net Women's World Open				CFL Pregame	CFL Football: Blue Bombers at Lions		
family	551	542	25 YTV	Raise Your Voice ★★ (2004, Drama) Hilary Duff.				(9:15) The Next Star		(10:15) Falcon Beach		15/Love
	554	544	45 TEL	George-Jungle	Merrie Melody	Loonatics	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	Batman & Robin ★ (1997, Action)		
	556	540	51 FAM	Wizards-Place	The Cheetah Girls 2 (2006) Raven.			(9:06) Johnny Tsunami (1999, Drama)			(10:37) Little Big League	
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		The Cleaner "Pilot"		Criminal Minds
	575	583	38 CMT	Chevy Cross Canada Countdown (N)				Reba	Hope & Faith	Home Improve.	Roseanne	Jim Cuddy
	616	521	39 SHO	ReGenesis (HDTV)		Cold Squad		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams	Webdreams	Sin Cities
	294	529	47 TBS	Family Guy	MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta.						Family Guy	Seinfeld
	581	566	52 MTV	4REAL	MTV Screen	Made "Pop Singer"		From G's to Gents		The Real World		MTV Shuffle
	603	561	56 FOOD	Road Grill	Licence to Grill	Restaurant Makeover		Tasty Travels	Food Safari	Diner, Drive-In	Road Tasted	Dinner Impossible
	300	601	301 M1	School-Scound	(7:25) Pulse ★ (2006, Horror)			Resident Evil: Extinction (2007, Action)			UKM: Ultimate Killing Machine	

SATURDAY

TO	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
7/19/08 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	National Geographic		In Cold Blood ★★★ (1967, Docudrama) Robert Blake, Scott Wilson.					(10:45) 10 Rillington Place	
	211	331	3 GTV	Andromeda		Largo Winch		Andromeda (Part 1 of 2)		renegadepress	renegadepress	News (N)
	215	343	4 OMN1	Na Luzie		Svitohliad	Yak Bulo Kolis	Russian Waves		Johnny Lombardi		MADtv
	210	302	6 CBC	(6) MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Tampa Bay Rays.				Pulp Fiction ★★★ (1994, Crime Drama) John Travolta, Uma Thurman.				
	214	344	7 CITY	Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		Housesitter (2007, Suspense) Tori Spelling. (DVS)				News (N)
	212	313	8 CTV	W-Five-My Messy Life		Would Be Kings (2008, Crime Drama) Currie Graham.				Comedy Now	Comedy Now	News (N)
	218	345	11 E!	E News	Be Real	Cradle of Lies (2006, Suspense) Shannon Sturges.				Out There	Out There	Guy Stuff
	-	387	16 CBS	Paid Program	Paid Program	NCIS "Iceman" (HDTV)		The Unit "The Kill Zone"		48 Hours Mystery		News (N)
	-	385	17 NBC	Tee 2 Green	The Insider (N)	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Law & Order (HDTV)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		News (N)
	-	386	18 ABC	Paid Program	magicJack	Freaky Friday ★★★ (2003, Comedy) Jamie Lee Curtis.				Eli Stone (HDTV)		News
	219	346	20 ACH-B	FashionTele	Grand Star	Missing "Cut" (DVS)		Law & Order (HDTV)		Eli Stone (HDTV)		News (N)
	-	-	28 FOX	Martin	Paid Program	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		The Simpsons	The Simpsons	MADtv
	-	388	61 PBS	All Creatures Great and Small		Ballykissangel		Sherlock Holmes		Mystery! (DVS)		
sports	500	500	33 CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		CNN Presents			CNN Presents			
	405	417	22 net	Poker		UFC: Access	UFC Count.	Sportsnet Connected (Live)		UFC's Ultimate Fight Night (Live)		
	400	400	30 TSN	CFL Football Montreal Alouettes at Saskatchewan Roughriders. (HDTV) (Live)						NASCAR Racing: Nationwide Series		
family	551	542	25 YTV	Storm Hawks	Storm Hawks	Avatar	Naruto	Zatch Bell	Bleach	Storm Hawks	Storm Hawks	Shadow Raider
	554	544	45 TEL	Chaotic	Johnny Test	Chop Socky	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	Robot Chicken	Rick & Steve	Tripping-Rift
	556	540	51 FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Doc Hollywood (1991, Romance-Comedy)			(10:44) No More Baths!	
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	(4) Wyatt Earp (1994)		Open Range ★★★ (2003, Western) (HDTV) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner. Premiere.						The Cleaner
	575	583	38 CMT	(6) Ultimate "Concerts"		Dedicated "Mary Jo Eustace"		Reba	Reba	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Grand Opry
	616	521	39 SHO	(6) To Be Fat Like Me		Seventeen and Missing (2007, Drama) Deedee Pfeiffer.				Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park
	294	529	47 TBS	MLB Baseball Washington Nationals at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta.						Cheers	Cheers	Perfect Score
	581	566	52 MTV	MTV Shuffle		4REAL	MTV Screen	MTV Shuffle		Cribs	4REAL	MTV Screen
	603	561	56 FOOD	Road Grill	Eat, Shrink	Restaurant Makeover		Dinner Impossible.	Bobby Flay	Top Chef "Film Food"		Ramsay Kitchn
	300	601	301 M1	Barnyard: The Original Party Animals (2006, Comedy)				Becoming Jane ★★ (2007, Biography) Anne Hathaway.				Year of Dog

SUNDAY

TO	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
7/20/08 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	Blue Realm "Tentacles"		Design e2 (N)	Design e2 (N)	Secret Life (2007, Drama) Holly Aird.			View From Hr	View From Hr
	211	331	3 GTV	renegadepress	'Til Death	Big Brother 10 (N)		Family Guy	American Dad	Family Guy	The Simpsons	News (N)
	215	343	4 OMN1	According-Jim	According-Jim	Raymond	Canada	Canadian Ethnic Media Awards				Corpo E Alma
	210	302	6 CBC	Heartland (HDTV)		How Do You Solve-Maria		Poseidon ★★ (2006, Adventure) Josh Lucas.				CBC News
	214	344	7 CITY	Passionada ★★★ (2002, Romance-Comedy)				A Lot Like Love (2005, Romance-Comedy)			Role	News (N)
	212	313	8 CTV	Instant Star (N)	The Hills	High School Musical: Picture		Cold Case "Wunderkind"		Mad Men A rift forms.		News (N)
	218	345	11 E!	Vanity Insanity	Vanity Insanity	TV Commercial	Soup Presents	Extreme Makeover: Home		The Soup	Weekend	News (N)
	-	387	16 CBS	60 Minutes		Big Brother 10 (N)		Cold Case "Wunderkind"		CSI: NY (HDTV)		News (N)
	-	385	17 NBC	Outrageous	Outrageous	America's Got Talent		Dateline NBC				News (N)
	-	386	18 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		High School Musical: Picture		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		News
	219	346	20 ACH-B	Funniest Home Videos		Starship Troopers ★★★ (1997, Science Fiction), Dina Meyer				Desperate Housewives		News (N)
	-	-	28 FOX	'Til Death	'Til Death	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	-	388	61 PBS	The Lawrence Welk Show		Nature (DVS)		Masterpiece (N) (DVS)			P.O.V.	
sports	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		CNN Presents			Newsroom	Larry King Live		CNN Presents
	405	417	22 net	MLB Baseball: Red Sox at Angels				Jays	Week-Baseball	World Combat League		Sportsnet Con.
	400	400	30 TSN	SportsCentre	Boxing	Countdown to the ESPYs		2008 ESPY Awards (HDTV) Los Angeles. (N)				SportsCentre
family	551	542	25 YTV	(6) Doogal ★★ (2005)		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	The Next Star		Falcon Beach		Falcon Beach
	554	544	45 TEL	Total Drama	Total Drama	Fred's Head	6teen	Total Drama	Futurama	Robot Chicken	Rick & Steve	Tripping-Rift
	556	540	51 FAM	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Superman ★★★ (1978, Science Fiction) Christopher Reeve.				
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Two Coreys	Two Coreys	Intervention
	575	583	38 CMT	Shania: A Life in Eight Albums (2005, Docudrama)				Tara Diaries	Living, Dream	Cheerleader Nation		Cheerleader
	616	521	39 SHO	Last Chance Cafe (2006, Suspense) Kate Vernon.				Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goalie	Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior (1981)		
	294	529	47 TBS	(6) The Perfect Score		Cocktail ★★ (1988, Romance) Tom Cruise, Bryan Brown.				Cocktail ★★ (1988, Romance)		
	581	566	52 MTV	4REAL	MTV Screen	MTV Shuffle		MTV e2	MTV Screen	Cribs	Cribs	4REAL
	603	561	56 FOOD	Jamie at Home	Fresh-Anna	Challenge Birthday cake.		Iron Chef America		Jamie at Home	Nigella	Road Grill
	300	601	301 M1	(7:15) TMNT ★★ (2007, Action), Sarah Michelle Gellar				Generation Kill (N)		(10:15) Dexter		Generation Kill

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Style

The simplest beauty tool

Celebrity makeup artist Korby Banner touts the Q-Tip's versatility

AMANDA TRUSCOTT
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Celebrity makeup artist Korby Banner says his favourite tool for creating flawless, natural-looking makeup is a Q-Tip.

Banner, who has created looks for a galaxy of A-listers including Jennifer Lopez, Keira Knightley and Angelina Jolie, can be seen dabbing the little cotton-tipped sticks on the faces of ordinary women on the W Network's Style By Jury.

"Some people use them for removal and speckles and stuff, but I always use them for application because they're the perfect little beauty tool," he explains.

They're precise, versatile and hygienic, he says. And, he adds, "They're a great way to not pollute colours."

To avoid the chalky look of overall liquid foundation, Banner puts a little concealer on a Q-Tip to paint out flaws, then sweeps a light bronzer over his model's face for a soft glow. "It fills in the pores and blends out the colour," he explains.

KORBY BANNER PHOTO

Celebrity makeup artist Korby Banner says Q-Tips are a precise, versatile and hygienic beauty tool.

Also, using a Q-Tip instead of placing the concealer stick directly on skin helps to avoid contaminating the tube with bacteria from blemishes, he says.

For a soft summer look, Banner starts by rubbing a Q-Tip in a shimmery highlighter and brushing it over the brow bone and below the crease of the eyelid. He also draws a little "M" with the highlighter over the cupid's bow of the top lip to create a more defined pout.

Then, he wets a Q-Tip, twists it to a point, dips it in black cake eyeliner, and sweeps it along the base of the lashes. Next, he wets the other end and blends the line.

He dips a Q-Tip in brownish plum shadow and brushes it below the crease of the eyelid and along the bottom lashes. He fluffs the other end into a dome shape and uses it to dust a softer shade of plum over the entire lid, right up to the brow bone.

He also uses Q-Tips to fill in eyebrows. In fact, Banner says the only things he doesn't use Q-Tips for are mascara and blush.

For lips, he twirls a Q-Tip over lipstick, paints it on, and then wipes the excess colour with the clean end for a lasting tint. "The look for lips is very nude right now," he says.

Banner says the best thing about a Q-Tip is that it can make anyone a better makeup artist. "It's all about blending," he says, "and it blends as you apply."

"Some people use (Q-Tips) for removal and speckles and stuff, but I always use them for application because they're the perfect little beauty tool."
Korby Banner, makeup artist

shine control

Getting shiny? Sweep a Q-Tip gently across your eyelids and eye contour area to pick up excess oil in these delicate spots. Also, carry blotting tissues to control overall shine. Adding more powder can look caked and show too much product on the skin.
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Add interest with waistcoats

Style File

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What brand of sunscreen do you use?

I like to use a light and non-greasy formula for my face. The Clairns SPF 40 Day Screen High Protection is great for everyday use and it sits well underneath makeup; it also doesn't sting if it gets into your eyes. For the rest of my body, I like to use Coppertone SPF 50 in the continuous spray bottle. It's easy to use and you don't need to rub it in.

E-mail your style questions to *kim.elbo@metronews.ca*.

Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.

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waistcoats

Take your outfit to the next level with a waistcoat. Waistcoats (also known as vests) are great for extending wardrobes because you can pair it with just about anything and if you buy a neutral block colour like grey or black you'll be able to wear it from season to season. Throw it on top of a T-shirt or dress and add a little interest to your outfit.

accessory

Want to know what all the girls are painting their nails and toes with this summer? Elephantastic Pink by OPI nail lacquer. $13.

short lengths

This season, shorts are up and down — you can go thigh high or down low to the knees and all will be acceptable. Keep an open mind with lengths; a mid-length short can be worn to the office, a longer knee is great for a casual weekend and a short short can be worn in the evening or out to the beach. Pull your short look together with a bright white shirt and a dark colour stack heel. And look for embellishments like oversized pockets, matching belts and contrasting buttons.

tip

Left your nail polish on a little too long and now your nails have turned a slight yellow? Try dipping your nails into lemon juice for a couple minutes (repeat if necessary). This will get rid of the stain and make your nails look healthy.

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ABOVE RIGHT: MID SUMMER NIGHT PARTY Internationally renowned Toronto chef Susur Lee.

MID SUMMER NIGHT PARTY Guests, from left, Geoff Stevens, Clara Gold and John Maguire.

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Going Out

Living the Thai life

Tastes of Thailand Festival features fun and games, and food

VERONICA BOODHAN
for Metro Canada

Nathan Phillips Square is transforming into a cultural retreat this weekend with the fifth annual Tastes of Thailand festival.

The two-day festival begins on Saturday as a celebration of the Thai community's unique culture.

"Thai people have a lot of different traditions so we would like to share and have Torontonians and Canadians experience Thai culture," said Praewpimp Kiewboriboon, event organizer.

"Food is the No. 1 priority. Restaurants from northern, northeastern, southern and central Thailand are representing four different tastes of food," said Suchart Yodkerepauprai, president of Thai Society of Ontario. The non-profit group is organizing this year's festival. Ten of the GTA's Thai-owned restaurants are scheduled to participate.

Other festivities taking place this weekend include a variety of musical acts, bands and dance performances. There are also workshops for martial arts, fruit carving and games.

On Saturday, a parade will celebrate the Thai Songkran Festival, a water festival in Thailand. The parade is held as a celebration of the Thai New Year.

"In April, in Thailand, it's very hot, like in July when it's very hot in Canada," said Yodkerepauprai. "Songkran is a celebration of Thai New Year and at the water festival, we play with water and throw it on each other."

The weekend festivities continue on Sunday, which include two fashion shows.

For the first time in the festival's history, a wedding ceremony is scheduled to conclude the event, with a marriage between a Canadian man and Thai woman.

But the emphasis on Thai traditions should not discourage anyone from attending, according to Kiewboriboon.

"This event is welcome to everyone. Some people may think Thailand has only certain things, like food, to offer, but people will see that Thailand has so many things that are interesting. Some people don't have the opportunity to go to Thailand, but coming to the festival gives people a chance to experience Thai culture."

The festival runs Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Nathan Phillips Square. Admission is free.

THAI TRADE CENTRE OF ONTARIO

Dancers at last year's festival offer a taste of Thai culture.

comedy

ABSOLUTE COMEDY: Al Lubel, Harry Doupe, Levi MacDougall headline. Fri. 9 p.m.; Sat. 8 p.m., 10:45 p.m. 2335 Yonge.

THE NINJABREAD COMEDY SHOW: Matt Shury hosts w/Todd Van Allen, Troy Dixon, Bobby Mair, more. 8:30 p.m. PWYC. Cameron House, 408 Queen St. W.

TAZED AND CONFUSED: Revue rookie Ashley Botting delivers. Thur.-Sat., Tue., Wed. 8 p.m.; Sat. 10:30 p.m.; Sun. 7 p.m. $23-$28. Second City, 51 Mercer.

VANGUARD COMEDY: Improv. 8 p.m. $5. Savannah Room, 294 College.

YUK YUK'S DOWNTOWN: Feat. Gilson Lubin. Fri.-Sat. 7:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m. $19. 224 Richmond W.

YUK YUK'S WEST: Mike Beatty, Laurie Elliot headline. Sun. 8 p.m., $12; Fri-Sat. 9:30 p.m., $19. 5165 Dixie.

BAD DOG THEATRE: That Friday Show feat. Jason Gemmill, Jorge Moreira, Ralph Macleod. 8 p.m. PWYC. Macro Neato feat. Ralph MacLeod, Kerry Griffin, Marcel St. Pierre. 10 p.m. $10. 138 Danforth.

JAMMIN' ON THE ONE: Open improv jam. Sat. 7:30 p.m. Free. Arts and Letters Club, 14 Elm.

THE SECOND CITY ATE MY HOMEWORK: Sketch comedy for young people & families. Sat. Noon. $12; family 4-pack $40. Second City, 51 Mercer.

dance

FESTIVAL BANA Y'AFRIQUE: Outdoor celebration of African culture w/ traditional African dancers and other performances. Saturday and Sunday, 1-11 p.m. Free. Yonge-Dundas Square. *www.africanewmusic.org*.

BRAZIL FEST: The biggest Brazilian Festival in Canada features Rio Samba Divas, Axe Capoeira Academy. Sunday, 12-9 p.m. $5. Toronto Centre Island.

TORONTO SALSA PRACTICE: Practice session for beginners to pros, no partner required. Saturday, 3:30-5:30 p.m., 5:30-8 p.m. Trinity-St. Paul's, 427 Bloor W. $4. *www.torontosalsapractice.com*.

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The Beaches International Jazz Festival begins today and runs for the next 10 days. The music fest is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. Last year, more than 800,000 people attended. METRO NEWS SERVICES

galleries

ARTCORE GALLERY SCULPTURE SUPERNOVA: Group show. To Aug. 31. 55 Mill, building 62.
ILEO TURNING POINTE: Photos of artists of The National Ballet of Canada by Sian Richards. To July 31. 55 Mill, building 35.
MONTE CLARK GALLERY FIGURES: Works by Stephen Waddell. To July 20. 55 Mill, building 2.
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A SPACE GALLERY: Enacting Emancipation: Works by James Luna, Emily Jacir, Erica Lord, John Halaka. To Aug 2. 401 Richmond W, ste 110. 416-979-9633.

theatre

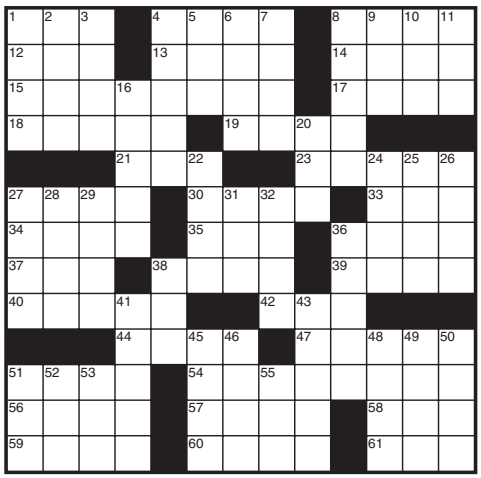
DIRTY DANCING: More professional movieoke than traditional musical. Wed.-Sat. 8 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 2 p.m. $36-$200. Royal Alexandra Theatre, 260 King W.
EVIL DEAD: THE MUSICAL: Splatterstick spectacular. Fri. 7:30 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. 11 p.m.; Sat 7 p.m. $19.50-$75. Diesel Playhouse, 56 Blue Jays Way.

word

TORONTO POETRY SLAM: Spoken word competition w/ Mark Berube, The Patriotic Few. July 18, 7:30 p.m. $5. The Drake Hotel, 1150 Queen W. *www.torontopoetryslam.com*.
IV LOUNGE READING SERIES Featuring Mariela Griffor, Peter Corners, Sean Thomas Dougherty. Tonight, 8 p.m. PWYC. IV Lounge, 326 Dundas W.
FATAL TIDE Launch Reading and Q&A w/ David Leach. Party follows. Monday, 7 p.m. Free. Harbord House, 150 Harbord W.
—COURTESY OF EYE WEEKLY

Hollywood funnyman Will Ferrell and soccer star David Beckham have became the proud owners of a racehorse. The stars were awarded part-ownership of the potential champion as part of a gift bag handed out at the Espy Sports Awards in Los Angeles on Wednesday. IMDB

Take Five



Crossword across

1 Decide on
4 Shore catch
8 Pet in a cage
12 — and aah
13 Freight hopper
14 Pirates' base
15 Almost for sure
17 — 500
18 Cram
19 Sports channel
21 Tract of open ground
23 Lariat
27 1492 vessel
30 Whodunit must
33 Gossip
34 Encourage with approval
35 Car grill cover
36 New England campus
37 Call — — cab
38 Skippers' okays
39 Rainbow shapes
40 Oust
42 Say what?
44 Made a web
47 Elk kin
51 Stadium shouts
54 Needing a transplant
56 Water, in Baja
57 Elm or maple
58 Fix, as an election
59 Snail-paced
60 Rubaiyat author
61 Watch secretly

Crossword down

1 Fumbler's word
2 Cruise stop
3 Quaker pronoun
4 Irritate
5 Thieve
6 Fully qualified
7 Some youngsters
8 Deli crepes
9 Songwriter Janis —
10 Free of
11 Suitable for cactus
16 Musical key (2 wds.)
20 Use a crowbar
22 Popular columnist
24 Nearly shut
25 Bath powder
26 Astonishes
27 Designate for an office
28 Mountain goat
29 Third-quarter tide
31 Source of iron
32 Hurry
36 Internet search engine
38 Zurich peak
41 Composition
43 Brown pigment
45 — — speed
46 Standard
48 Not theirs
49 Fabric sample
50 Nervously irritable
51 Shrill bark
52 I, to Nero
53 Puffin kin
55 Iced drink

previous day's answer

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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Keep your side of a bargain or lose a friend. An arrogant person's nervousness will interfere. Too much preparation causes turmoil.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Someone can be hurt on a dangerous journey. You'll be punished if you are naughty. Don't worry; life won't pass you by.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Don't shed tears if your feelings are hurt. Love talk will be about a broken heart. A rational individual lacks a grasp of reality.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A leader wants to be honest. A group is forced to deal with diverted funds. A fragile person is stronger than you think.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A splinter group will decline to retaliate. A good-looking guy has a fright. Watch out for drivers using their phones.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Learn something faster with a companion. A well-meaning person makes problems. A triumph leads to an assessment.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Be attentive to the realization of your destiny. Someone gets snubbed due to lack of popularity. Pay attention to simplicity.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
Something unusual causes an allergy. A traitor wants something for free. A crime of passion causes a break down.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
A man's stupid question means a lot. A mischievous person presents a challenge. Release your passion with the light of love.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Calm descends among coworkers. An ailing person needs a stern lecture. You can economize by using a critical eye.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
A champion eases a money problem. A lackadaisical attitude can be fixed. A rebel is distressed by a remarkable dream.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
Spend some time with cold-hearted people. Tell the truth and cause confusion. Someone argues about ridiculous things.

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Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:
The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

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8	2	1	5	3	7	4	9	6
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9	6	3	1	2	4	5	7	8

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13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21 . . . . . Smart
21-25 . . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practicing

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Low: 7.8°/1971

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U.S. funnyman Andy Dick has been released from jail following his arrest on Wednesday on suspicion of drug possession and sexual battery. The 42-year-old comic posted $5,000 bail following his arrest in Murieta, Calif., after onlookers reported his inappropriate behaviour. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Parker denies mole removal

RUMOUR Sarah Jessica Parker has denied she has gone under the knife to remove a beauty spot from her face — insisting she has not had plastic surgery of any kind, *imdb.com* reports.

The Sex And The City star was photographed apparently without her signature facial feature — a mole on her chin — as she stepped out for a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York City on Tuesday.

Pictures of the actress clearly show that the previously noticeable blemish has been replaced by a tiny mark.

But 43-year-old Parker is adamant that she has not undergone surgery, with her representative saying, "Nothing has been removed."

Meanwhile, Parker has been hailed as this year's unexpected crush by a U.S. men's magazine bidding to make up with the actress after calling her the unsexiest woman alive.

The 43-year-old Sex And The City star was outraged last year when men's publication Maxim bestowed her with the unsexy honour, insisting the insult was "brutal."

And Parker's outspoken opposition to the title seems to have worked. The actress will receive her award in the August issue of the magazine.

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Cruz hounded by press

ACTRESS Actress Penelope Cruz fears for her life every time she steps out in her native Spain because aggressive cameramen follow her every move, *imdb.com* reports.

She says, "In Spain these TV shows are on for maybe 17 hours a day. They are very cheap to make because they just have somebody running after people in the street with a camera, provoking them, insulting them.

"They are waiting for more and more drama ... Unless they have a dead body in front of them, it's not enough. I mean, it is just beyond crazy and completely unacceptable."

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celebrity brief

McConaughey a music mogul?

COMPANY Actor Matthew McConaughey is turning his attentions to a new project — he has set up his own record company, *imdb.com* reports.

The A Time To Kill star has already signed his first act — a reggae singer — and is approaching other major music labels for backing. A source tells New York gossip column PageSix, "His first artist is a reggae guy called Mishka. The album will be called Above The Bones and the first single is Here Comes Da Train."

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celebrity brief

Jolie inundated with flowers

WELL WISHES The day after Angelina Jolie's twins were born, she received another special delivery: Flowers from each of her children, *usmagazine.com* reports.

"It was a blessed sight," one hospital staffer says. In addition to the blooms brought by her kids, the actress received so many bouquets that hospital staffers had to store them in her security guards' rooms.

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Paris rejected by top soccer star

MOVIES Paris Hilton's attempts to flirt with soccer star Cristiano Ronaldo ended in disaster as the star's romantic advances were rejected, according to reports, *imdb.com* reports.

A source tells British newspaper the Daily Mirror, "Paris saw Ronaldo and immediately slithered past the dozens of women trying to get his attention. Then she climbed over one of his mates and planted herself next to him but he wasn't interested."

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Blair a common gay crush

ROLES Hollywood actress Selma Blair is regularly propositioned by lesbians because of her three on-screen girl-on-girl love scenes, *imdb.com* reports.

The 36-year-old, who split from her husband Ahmet Zappa in 2006, gained a massive gay following after locking lips with Sarah Michelle Gellar in 1999's Cruel Intentions. She subsequently went on to film lesbian kissing scenes for last year's Feast Of Love and for upcoming movie Driving Lessons. And Blair is convinced that many women often confuse her for a real life lesbian, according to the New York Daily News.

She says, "I have done three girl-on-girl kisses on-screen. And, yet, I've never done any (lesbian experimentation) in my real life.

"When lesbian friends tell me they're in love with me after our friendship has been cemented, it always shocks me."

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Heather Mills is following through on her promise to move to Los Angeles — the former glamour model has been spotted house-hunting in California. Mills won a $50 million divorce settlement from former Beatle Sir Paul McCartney. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Klum's legs insured for $2.2 million

INSURANCE Supermodel Heidi Klum's shapely pins are insured for $2.2 million US — but one leg is insured for $200,000 less than the other because of a scar, *imdb.com* reports.

The German catwalk star's right limb is insured for $1.2 million — but her right is only insured for $1 million because of the mark on her knee.

She tells British newspaper The Sun, "They are different values because I have this little scar. I had to be examined in London. A guy came and inspected my leg."

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Denise denies rumours

ACTRESS Denise Richards has hit back at reports she is selling her California home after falling out with angry neighbours, *imdb.com* reports.

Recent reports suggested the actress had put her Hidden Hills home up for sale after neighbours complained to local officials about the actress' reality show, which is filmed on the estate.

But the star of Denise Richards: It's Complicated insists the story is bogus.

The former Bond girl says, "Not one neighbour has complained to me. If there have been any complaints to the production company, I don't know about them."

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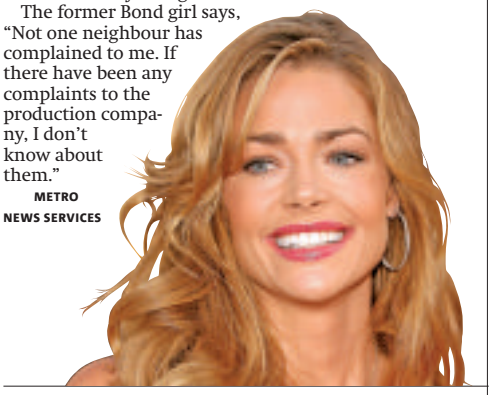

celebrity brief

Bynes spotted with TV creator

COMPANY Hairspray star Amanda Bynes has sparked rumours she is dating Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane — after they were spotted enjoying a night out together in Los Angeles, *imdb.com* reports.

The TV writer, who split from his girlfriend Eliza Dushku earlier this year, was reportedly seen embracing the 22-year-old actress at an L.A. party, and subsequently leaving with her.

A source tells the New York Daily News, "They came separately but when she found Seth in the crowd, they huddled up and chatted. She giggled a lot.

"He walked out probably five steps in front of her but, clearly, they were leaving together."

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celebrity brief

Bloom, girlfriend rumoured to split

BREAK UP Orlando Bloom has reportedly split from his girlfriend, model Miranda Kerr, *imdb.com* reports.

The Australian beauty is since said to have rekindled her romance with former flame Brandon David. According to sources, Miranda and Brandon were seen kissing at two New York nightclubs, with one eyewitness saying they were "full on making out, they didn't seem to care who saw."

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Dunst seen on Hirsch hunt

ROMANCE Watch out, Emile Hirsch — Kirsten Dunst has her eye on you, *pagesix.com* reports.

A spy saw the rehabbed starlet smoking cigarettes outside the Bowery Hotel and told us, "Kirsten was there just to see Emile." After she finished her cig, the source said, Kirsten followed the press-shy actor to club Bowery Electric next door. "She was all alone," the source said. "She was going to the bar just to see him."

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Beckhams love L.A. living

AMERICAN It was only a year ago that Posh and Becks stormed North American shores and settled in Los Angeles. Now David Beckham has blogged on his site just how much he and his family love their new life, *intouchweekly.com* reports.

"It seems like only a few weeks ago I arrived in Los Angeles with my family ready for the next chapter in our lives," he wrote. "A year later and we feel so settled here, everyone loves California and everyone has made us feel so welcome. I can't imagine being anywhere else in the world right now." Becks also thanked the people who made their move so pleasant. "My [LA Galaxy] teammates have been great to me and we have a brilliant set of fans. I'm thankful to them and to the people of Los Angeles for making my family and I so welcome since we arrived here."

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